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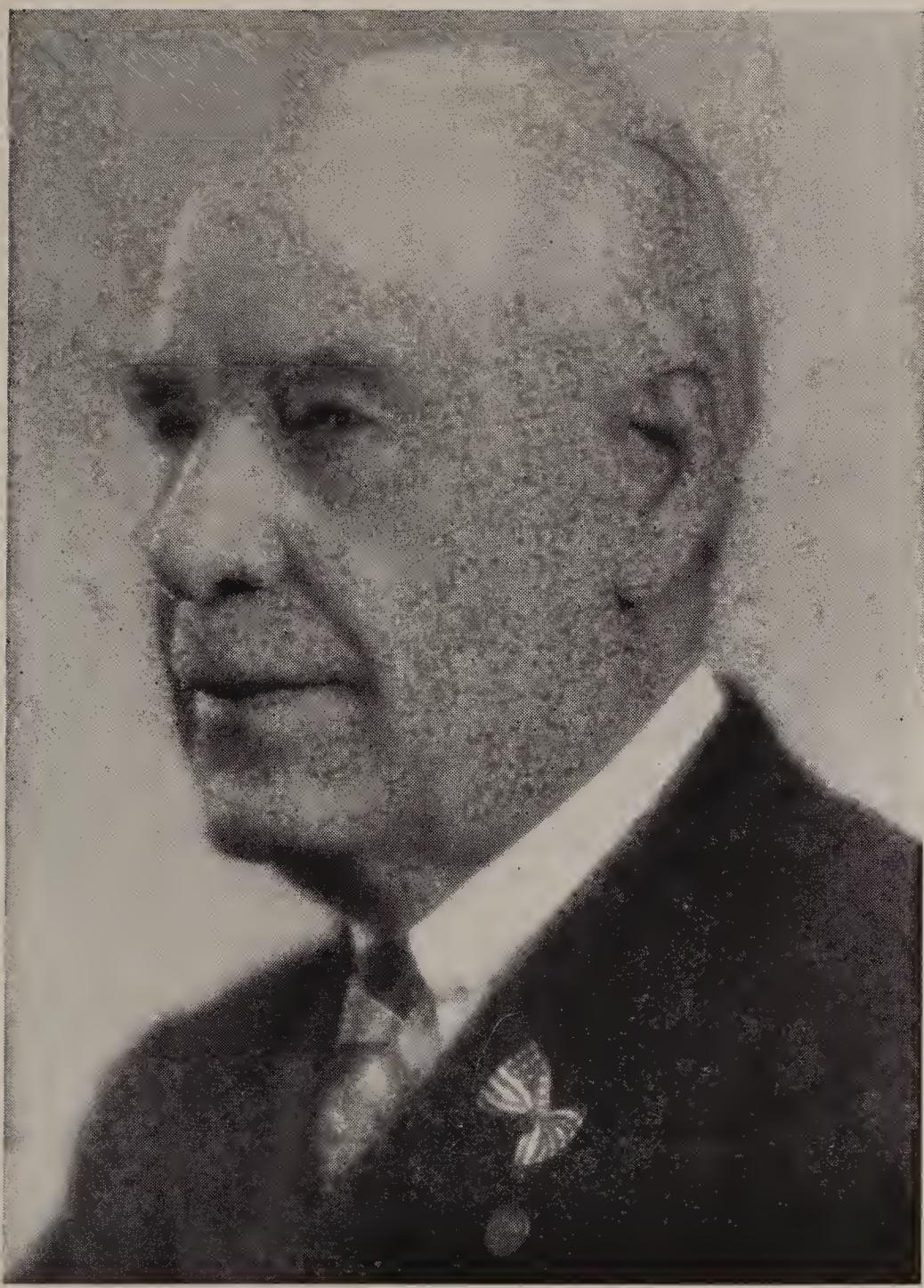
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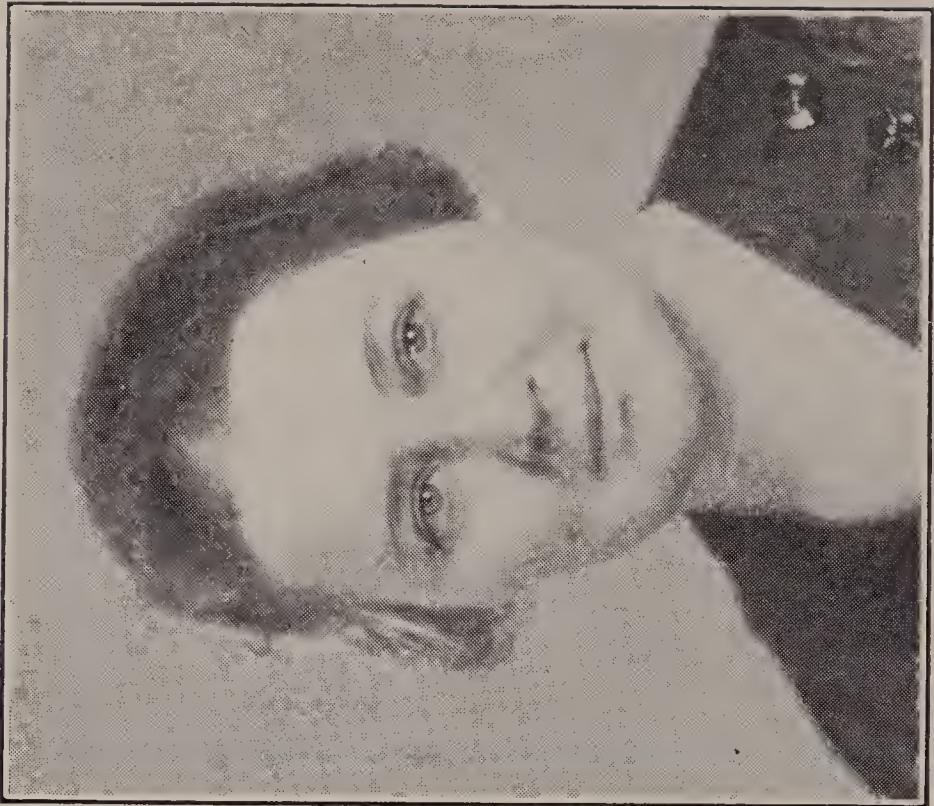
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DR. OVERTON H. MENNETT

NATIONAL OFFICERS—1937-1938



Convention Notes

For the fourth time we have come to the beautiful city of Des Moines, located in the fertile rolling prairie land of Iowa, for our annual Convention, and what a pleasure it has been to again meet in this hospitable state:

“Where the tall corn grows,
We are welcome we know.”

The beautiful ball room of the Savery Hotel was an ideal place for our sessions, and we were housed in comfortable rooms in this Hotel.

Our grateful thanks are due Sister Mable Lynch, General Chairman, Sister Jennie Beymer, Local Chairman, and Sister Bertha Hunt, and every member of the Committee who left nothing undone for our pleasure and comfort.

Sunday morning many attended church services where special patriotic exercises were held.

On Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock at the Capitol Extension Grounds, the National Memorial bench was dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Preceeding the services the American flag was raised on the pole erected by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Iowa, in 1931. A color team of twenty Ladies in white, carrying American flags, all members of the three Circles in Des Moines, led the way to the bench. Sisters Mabel Lynch and Jennie Beymer acted as escorts to our National President, Sister Whitaker and Patriotic Instructor, Sister Speckner, where they were met by our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, who stood with Sister Whitaker during the services. Sister Eunice Rash, National Chaplain opened the services in prayer.

In presenting the bench, Sister Speckner said:

“National President, Comrades, Members and Friends: It is indeed a great honor and privilege for us to meet here and for me to come as the National Patriotic Instructor of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to present this beautiful and serviceable gift. It has been our custom for the past several years to leave some lasting memorial in the city where we hold our National Encampment. May this bench which I now present to the brave soldiers of our country make a pleasant resting place for them in their idle hours. They went from their homes of comfort to the fatigue of the march, from the easy bed to the bare earth, from fireside to battlefield, showing their patriotism and love for country.

“But there is another patriotism than that of war, and that is the patriotism of peace. We of today must teach the citizens of tomorrow the lessons of yesterday; teach them that the battlefield is not the place for the determination of dispute and that true

patriotism will ever avoid the ravages and horrors of war. They died for liberty, they died for us, and they are at rest. They sleep alike beneath the shadows of the clouds, in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless.

"I have one sentiment for the soldiers, living and dead, cheers for the living and tears for the dead. As the soldier did his duty in war, so should we do our duty in peace, and see that our Nation takes the lead of the world in freedom and liberty.

"On behalf of the National Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the brave heroes of our country who have passed on into eternity, I dedicate this bench."

Mr. Robert E. O'Brien, secretary of State, accepted the Memorial, and paid high tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, and thanked the Ladies for leaving this splendid memorial.

The impressive services were closed with prayer by Sister Rash.

On Sunday afternoon, the annual meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies was held in the Fort Des Moines Hotel, with Sister Ida Lewis, Past National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, presiding. Our own National President, Sister Whitaker, was honored by nomination for National President, but declined with thanks and placed the name of Past National President Sister Frances Kuhns in nomination. Sister Kuhns was unanimously elected President of the Federated Societies.

After the business session, the annual banquet was held in the Crystal Room. Sister Ida Lewis acted as toastmaster, and a very enjoyable time was had. Splendid addresses were made by the National Heads of all Organizations, Past and present Officers of the Society. An impressive address was given by our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all, and also his singing of "Tenting Tonight".

The Memorial Services of the Grand Army of the Republic were held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Shrine Temple Auditorium, Mr. Arthur H. Brayton, presiding. The stage was decorated with ferns and flags, and the United States Marine Band was seated on the rear of the stage. Our Commander-in-chief and all National Heads were escorted to seats of honor on the platform.

Music was by U. S. Marine Band, with Capt. Taylor Branson, as leader.

Invocation was given by Rev. Wallace Essingham. National Anthem was sung by Shrine Chanters, after which the Floral Tributes were placed by the National Heads; National President, Sister Whitaker placed the red point in a hugh star in memory of all Comrades and Sisters who have passed to the Great Beyond.

Memorial address was made by Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Weerty.

The followinng tribute was given by our National Chaplain, Sister Rash.

"The Glory of the Grand Army of the Republic is our heritage; against slavery and bondage to an oppressed people they erected freedom; against disruption they brought a constellation of the states and a united people. The wail of fear and hatred gave place to love and confidence.

"Under their trampling the earth trembles like a floor beaten with flails.

"In this fair land of ours, greed, corruption, distrust hold sway in the highest places and the holiest, and the end no man can tell; but this I know—they may reduce America as an almond broken with hammers, and devour democracy which is the oil and sweet-ness thereof; yet the glory of the Grand Army of the Republic will remain a light in the heavens overhead out of reach; for their history is a history of God who wrote with their hands, spake with their tongues, and was Himself in all the good they did, even the least; and there was one who dwelt with them—Lincoln the law giver on Sinai, who was in the wilderness a guide, in war a chaplain, in government a president; who once and again pushed back the curtains of war, and there shone a light intolerably bright.

"As a man speaking to men he showed them the light and the way to happiness and made them promises binding the strength of his greatness with covenants sworn to everlasting.

"Could it be that they with Jehovah thus dwelt, an awful familiar derived nothing from? That in their lives and deeds the common human qualities should not in some degree be mixed and colored with the Divine? That their genius should not have in it even after the lapse of ages, some little of heaven?

"I always think of the value of a good and great man's life in the march of life. I see the generations from the beginning, numberless, as they go on all the time from the far front back over the line of march as well as forward into the farthest future, streams a light of which the wranglers know nothing, except that it is forever heading them on—the Light of Revelation.

"Who were they who carried this light through the days of '61 to '65? Ah; the Grand Army of the Republic. How our hearts leap at the thought by the light we know them. Thrice blessed, Oh our Fathers, servants of God, keepers of the covenant. If such speech be reverent—how shall we judge Jehovah unless it be by what his servants have done in His name? And as for what you and I shall do, let us serve the Lord, the Lord God of our Fathers—not communism, not greed and distrust, for a child of Abraham there is no glory except in the Lord's ways and in them there is much glory.

"Today we have with us only a remnant of what was once that vast Grand Army of the Republic. Like the sands on the seashore, carried out by each preceding wave the Grand Army is daily, hourly, passing into eternity. Only too soon the last one will have gone from earthly vision. The campfire will be out; taps will sound; the postroom be locked for aye—there will be no Grand Army of the Republic save in memory."

At 7:30 Monday morning, the National Officers and Past National Presidents gathered in the Florentine Room of the Savery Hotel where a sumptuous breakfast was served in honor of our National President, by the members of the Circles in Davenport. The many favors given each guest, the bouquets of everlasting flowers, and the lovely bookmarks from Sister Lynch, General Chairman, were appreciated.

Monday afternoon a beautiful memorial service was held in the Ball Room of the Savory Hotel. The stage was beautifully set with decorations of flags, ferns and cut flowers. A choir, members of our Order, from nearly all Departments, rendered several beautiful sacred songs. National Chaplain, Sister Rash, offered prayer. Past National President, Sister Clara Sawyer paid tribute to the late Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Oley Nelson, his Adjutant General, Comrade J. P. Risley, and other Grand Army Men. Past National President, Sister Cassea Orsborn, gave a tribute to Past National President, Elma B. Dalton, and Past National President, Sister Lillian Cary, paid tribute to Past National President, Sister Annie M. Michener. Following a solo, the roll call of Departments, when the President of each Department placed flowers in a receptacle on the altar, these impressive services were closed in prayer by National Chaplain, Sister Rash, who was in charge of this memorial service.

Following the memorial service, a short Patriotic program was given.

On behalf of the National Body, National Counselor, Sister Frances M. Kuhns, presented a portrait of Abraham Lincoln to the East High School. Floyed Desch, a student of the school, accepted the portrait with a very brilliant speech.

Assistant National Patriotic Instructor, Sister May Masacar, on behalf of the Organization presented two lovely large flags to Boy and Girl Scout Troops. In accepting these flags the Scout Masters of both Troops, pledged their assurance that these beautiful flags would always have a sacred place in the hearts of every scout.

The pledge to the flag was given, and the Patriotic program was closed with singing the National Anthem.

The semi-official meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic was held Monday evening, September 5th in the Shrine Temple, with General Guy E. Logan, Chairman of Executive Committee, presiding. A delightful program by the United States Marine Band was enjoyed. Addresses of welcome were given by Mr. Robert G. O'Brien, Secretary of State, representing the Hon. Nelson G. Kraschel, Governor, and Hon. Mark L. Conkling, Mayor of Des Moines. Our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet, responded, and made a wonderful address. When introduced, our National President, Sister Whitaker, spoke as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, Mr. O'Brien, Secretary of State, Honorable Mayor Conkling, National Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennett, Comrade, National Officers and Members and friends of Allied Organizations. Once more we are gathered in the City of Des Moines and the State of Iowa to be greeted by you, and to bring greetings from the far corners of our United States. It is needless to say that we are happy to be here together again, the family of these illustrious men of that great and noble band, the Grand Army of the Republic. I stand here tonight representing a group of women, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who hold you veterans close and dear to their hearts. We bear your name, we are your family—your wives, daughters, grand daughters, nieces and grand nieces. We have been proud to include in our

membership your dear mothers, those glorious women who watched, prayed, and waited for your return from a great Civil War. All the ties of family love and solidarity bind us together. It is our task and our privilege to carry on your work, to venerate your memory, to honor your achievements, and to promulgate the principles of freedom, justice, humanity and equality, which you fought to maintain for posterity. At this time I wish to express to the citizens and officials of Des Moines, and Iowa, the sincere appreciation and gratitude of our members for the kindnesses, courtesies and generous hospitality which you have always extended to our Boys in Blue and their allied Groups. Commander-in-chief, Dr. Mennet, our year of service together has been enjoyed. I shall always remember with grateful appreciation the privilege that has been mine to serve our Organization with such a splendid Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, I come to you tonight, not with a gift of gold, but with a gift of love for you, and with a pledge of loyalty to you and to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a gift I feel will be most precious to you, for it is something you purchased for us years ago by the offer of your life and fortune, which assured for us The Flag of the United States of America.

“ ‘Its stripes of red like rubies shine forth in brilliant hue;
Its stars pure white, like diamonds in a field of heavenly blue,
And stripes of pearly whiteness, which, blended with the rest,
Complete our Nation’s flag, on earth the very best!’ ”

Sister Whitaker then presented a silk flag complete with staff, holder, eagle, cord and tassel, and ribbon streamers with gold letters, which was held by a Boy Scout, while Our President made her address to Dr. Mennet, saying, “Dr. Mennet, please accept this flag from the National Organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic”.

The Betsy Ross Club, which is made up of Past Department Presidents and acting Department Presidents, held its annual breakfast on Tuesday morning, with National President, Minnie Seitz, presiding. The favors were very pleasing, and our National President was presented with a large silk American flag by the Club, as was also Sister Seitz. A very lovely program had been arranged, and as usual this affair was one of the most pleasant during convention week.

On Wednesday, the day we all look forward to when attending the convention, the day when those brave men whose name we bear, march in review, and each year as the line grows less our devotion and love for them increases. Many thousand persons, including hundreds of school children lined the sidewalks. It is estimated that over 60,000 were there to pay homage to the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet, stood during the entire ride to the reviewing stand, and then stood while the G. A. R. men, just 34 in number, marched past the stand. Then came about 70 more Veterans in cars. The parade was one long to be remembered, and was made up of nine divisions, City Police forming an escort, followed by the United States Marine Band.

When the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic had been concluded Wednesday morning, the delegates were entertained at a luncheon by the Department of Iowa. If there is any feature of the proceedings of the entire week more pleasant than the delegates' luncheon, no member has ever yet discovered it, for here are gathered members from all four corners of the United States. The delegates from the various Departments sang their state songs, and the guests were entertained by the members of the Department of Kentucky.

In the club room of the Savery, Wednesday evening was held the annual Mothers-Fathers Banquet, one of the most successful affairs of the week. Past National President, Cassea H. Orsborn had charge of this and was complimented on all sides for the interesting program she had planned for the event. The Marine Band Orchestra gave a concert. The tables were beautifully decorated. National Chaplain, Eunice Rash invoked the divine blessing, and Sister Orsborn welcomed the guests. Tributes were paid to our Mothers and Fathers, and when our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Mennet, Adjutant-in-Chief, Comrade Martin, and Secretary, Catherine Flood arrived, they were given a tremendous ovation.

Past National President, Clara N. Sawyer, on behalf of the National Organization presented a lovely silk flag to the Savery Hotel, Mr. Korb, Manager, accepting. Tribute to the flag was given by Sister Frances Haskell.

Later a get-together meeting was held in the ballroom where a pleasing program was carried out and dancing was enjoyed. At this time Sister Whitaker presented gifts to her officers, and received many herself. This was one of the most delightful affairs of the entire week.

The Pioneer Club, composed of members who have belonged to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for 25 or more years, had its annual meeting on Thursday noon. Past National President, Sarah Ehrmann, president, welcomed her members, and an interesting program was carried out. Song sheets, which gave the history of the organization, and carried a picture of Sister Ehrmann, were the gift of Sister Lydia Williams of New York. Community singing and stories of "the greatest thrill you have had as a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R." were enjoyed.

Finally to the end of the highlights of the week—the Past Presidents Banquet, which is held the last night of the convention, when the Past National Presidents roll up their sleeves and prepare to have a grand time. There were 14 Past Presidents present, and the four absent—Catherine DeLacy Roche, Ethel M. Irish, Eva J. French and Emily J. Tompkins—were remembered by all. The "Parisian" (?) millinery furnished by Sister Cora Rowling, and worn by the guests, as well as the waiters, was the feature of the evening. Sister Frances Kuhns, was initiated into the secret work of the Association, and the guest of the evening was our Orpha, who is now preparing for her coming induction into the mystic work.

Roll Call of National Convention

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Orpha M. Whitaker 125 N. Dudley St., Camden, N. J.

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PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

*Deceased

*Laura McNeir Loud, 1885-87	Died 1934, California
*Laura B. Sawyer, 1888	Died 1889, Pennsylvania
*Frances N. Wood, 1889	Died 1913, Kansas
*Catherine E. Hirst, 1890	Died 1902, Kentucky
*M. O. Cartridge, 1891	Died 1902, Kansas
Carrie V. Sheriff, 1892	1312 W. 11th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
*Amanda I. Wethern, 1893	Died 1933, California
*Nettie E. Gunlock, 1894	Died 1902, Illinois
*Catherine E. Hirst, 1895-96	Died 1902, Kentucky
*Flora M. Davey, 1897	Died 1915, Minnesota
*Anes J. Winslow, 1898	Died 1911, Illinois
*Julia P. Shade, 1899	Died 1912, Pennsylvania
*Etta Lee Toby, 1900	Died 1923, Indiana
*Emma S. Wall	Died 1927, Kansas
*M. Anna Hall, 1902	Died 1928, W. Va.
*Belinda S. Bailey, 1903	Died 1923, California
*Mary T. Hager, 1904	Died 1923, Illinois
*Ruth E. Foote, 1905	Died 1925, Colorado
*Elma B. Dalton, 1906	Died 1938, Indiana
Clara N. Sawyer, 1907	2182 Julian St., San Diego, Cal.
*Genevieve Ha.er Lucy, 1908	Died 1929, Illinois
*Della R. Henry, 1909	Died 1938, Kansas
*Emma E. Pierce, 1910	Died 1913, Massachusetts
*Catherine Ross, 1911	Died 1933, Illinois
*Ella S. Jones, 1912	Died 1928, Pennsylvania
*Edith B. Brown, 1913	Died 1926, California
*Mary A. Jameson, 1914	Died 1924, Michigan
*Catherine DeLacy Roche, 1915	860 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Pa.
*Virginia C. McClure, 1916	Died 1926, Illinois
*Mary E. Tarbox, 1917	Died 1928, Maine
*Rose Houghton, 1918	Died 1928, Washington
Lillian Clark Cary, 1919	432 Booth St., Dubuque, Iowa
*Ethel M. Irish, 1920	588 Morris St., Fond du Lac, Wis.
*Annie M. Michener	Died 1938, Pennsylvania
*Eva J. French, 1922	573 Larkin St., Monterey, Cal.
Martha J. Van Duzor, 1923	2445 Jackson Bld., Chicago, Ill.
*Nellie Rhodes McMillan, 1924	Died 1927, Kansas
Lida E. Manson, 1925	406 W. Market St., Crawfordsville, Ind.
*Emily J. Tompkins	570 West 156th St., New York City
*Marybel Ross, 1927	Died 1929, Illinois
Cassea Hopper Orsborn, 1928	517 E. Main St., Weiser, Idaho

Cora M. Rowling, 1929	68 Forrer Blvd., Dayton, Ohio
Margaret Grandle, 1930	804 W. Euclid Ave., Pittsburg, Kansas
Helen M. Lehman, 1931	515 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J.
Josephine Mahar, 1932	9436 W. Milton Ave., Overland, Mo.
Sarah J. Ehrmann, 1933	202 Milnor Ave., Lackawanna, N. Y.
Pearl C. Cooke, 1934	7636 Hortense Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Wynnye G. Williamson, 1935	520 Green St., Parkersburg, W. Va.
Frances M. Kuhns, 1936	Ladies of G. A. R. Home, Swissvale, Pa.

PAST NATIONAL SECRETARIES

*Frances M. Strickland, 1885-87	N. J.
*Henrietta Gerwi., 1888-89	Pa.
*Lucy Milliken, 1889	Kansas
*Mary Elkington, 1890	Ky.
*Ella Wade Shore, 1891	Kansas
Josie Slicker, 1892-1912	1416 W. 48th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
*Flora M. Davey, 1893	Minn.
*Julia A. Ellis, 1894	Ill.
*Nannie Ross, 1895-86	Ohio
*Annie L. Lincoln, 1897	Minn.
Jessie W. Hegg, 1898	6011 Kenamore Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Olive I. Williams, 1900	20 Loan Apts., Anderson, Ind.
*Anna D. Learned, 1901	Kansas
Ruth Hall Tucker, 1902	1240 Market St., Wheeling, W. Va.
*Abbie E. Krebs Wilkins, 1903-4	Cal.
*Genevieve H. Lucy, 1904-19-1920	Ill.
*Catherine Ross, 1905	Ill.
*Julia M. Gordon, 1906	Kansas
Florence M. Wallace, 1907	31 Elm St., Waterville, Me.
Mary Hager Byrnes, 1908	Riverview Park, Des Moines, Iowa
*Nellie R. McMillan, 1909	Kansas
*Martha F. Gilmore, 1910	Mass.
†Marybel Ross, 1911-1923	Ill.
Eva J. French, 1913	573 Larkins St., Monterey, Cal.
*Anna DeLacy Pell, 1915	Pa.
*Helen M. Wilson, 1916	Ill.
Mertie Aldrich Perkins, 1917	5029 Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
*Lela Thatcher, 1918	Wash.
*Grace Seebers, 1919	Iowa
Maybelle E. Nissen, 1921	23 Sunshine Road, Upper Darby, Pa.
*Edith B. Brown, 1922	Cal.
Myrta M. Talmadge, 1924	720 Garfield Ave., Kansas City, Kansas
*Elma B. Dalton, 1925	Ind.
Sarah J. Ehrmann, 1926	202 Milnor Ave., Lackawanna, N. Y.
*Ida Mae Siebert, 1927	Ill.
*Laura Thompson	Wash.
Nannie R. Sharritt, 1929	27 W. McPherson St., Dayton, Ohio
*Anna Bennett, 1930	Kansas

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*Laura B. Sawyer, 1886-87 Kansas
*Jennie Sample, 1893 Pa.
*Florence George, 1895-96 Washington, D. C.
*Etta Lee Tobey, 1897-98, 1923 Ind.
*Anna Sage, 1899-1900 Ohio
*Anna M. Michener, 1901-02 Pa.
*Ella S. Jones, 1905-06 Pa.
*Catherine Ross, 1907-08 Ill.
Catherine DeLacy Roch, 1909-1911, 860 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Pa.
*Nellie R. McMillan, 1912-15 Kansas
Olive I. Williams, 1915-17 20 Loan Apts., Anderson, Ind.
Jennie E. Troxell, 1918-19
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*Marybel Ross, 1920-23 Ill.
*Grace Seebers, 1923-25 Iowa
Nodie Efferding, unexpired Term, 1925
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*Cora Dunning, 1926 Mo.
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		†Martha M. Curry
		†Mary Nixon
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†Alta Slonecker
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†Eva F. Phillips
†Elsie O. Thurlow
†Maude E. Boyce
†Mary R. Burt

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†Lulu Hatch

†Irene Michael

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†Eva Kern

†Alta M. Cort

†Nona Drake

†Edith Woodside

†Pearl Gough

†Grace E. Meade

†Louise Higgs

†Margaret Morrison

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†Ida Storrs

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†Ella C. Jones

†Cora Parkhurst

†Anna M. Hilliard

†Mae Laurencelle

†Julia Rutter

†Anna Morris

†Ethel Cothrell

†Elsie Dietz

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†Mary Stewart

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†Matilda Dinsmore

Cassea Hopper

Osborn

†Mae Easlick

†Mae Vance

May Masecar

†Bess Morrissey

†Lulla M. Edwards

†Isabel Florence

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+Rose Minnott
†Emma Gannett
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†Annie G. Bowden
†Maude Carr
†Lillian Hefferman
†Annie Silke
†Blanche Curtis
†Ida Goodwin

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†Idella Holdredge
†Carrie Barker
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Theo Redfern

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Delegate—Elizabeth Dupuy

COL. ALBERT SCOTT CIRCLE—Kentucky

President—Bessie Moore

Delegate—Geneva Dalton

Proceedings

MINUTES OF THE 52nd NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1938

On Tuesday morning, September 6th, the first business session of the Fifty-second National Convention was opened in the ballroom of the Hotel Savery. The room was beautifully decorated with palms, flowers in lovely Autumn coloring, flags and bunting.

The meeting was opened by Chairman of Arrangements, Sister Mabel Lynch, Past Department President of Iowa, who very cordially greeted the delegates and introduced Past National President, Sister Helen M. Lehman.

Sister Lehman was requested to escort to the platform our National President, Sister Orpha M. Whitaker. Sister Lynch introduced Sister Whitaker to the Convention, and she was welcomed with warm applause. Sister Arada Doughty, the sister of our National President, greeted her, wished for her a most wonderful convention and presented her with a vase of beautiful yellow flowers.

The National Officers were escorted in and introduced by Sister Whitaker, and all were present.

Brother Ruliff Marshall, brother of our National President, presented Sister Orpha with a beautiful corsage, which was from Sister Oscyello Reilly of Col. Wm. B. Hatch Circle, Camden, N. J., who could not be present to greet Sister Whitaker in person. Our National President presented her brother to the Convention and thanked him for all he had done to assist her during her year of office.

Our Past National Presidents, fourteen in number, were escorted to the platform and introduced. Sister Orpha welcomed them very graciously and thanked them for their years of devoted service to our order.

Chairman of Arrangements, Sister Mabel Lynch, and her committee, Sisters Jennie Beymer, Bertha Hunt, Eva May Richey and Bessie Reese, were introduced, and Sister National President expressed her sincere appreciation of their efforts and work for our Convention.

General Logan, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was escorted in by Past National President Sister Pearl Cooke, and extended greetings from his Committee. Response was given by Past National President Sister Lillian Cary, who stated that General Logan was a son of a Union Veteran. Our National Soloist, Sister Marie Harkins, very beautifully sang "An Old Fashioned Garden" in honor of General Logan.

Department Presidents were escorted in and introduced and welcomed by our National President; twenty-nine Departments were represented, and three Circles under National Jurisdiction.

Legislative Committee was introduced: Sister Margaret Worrell, Chairman, Sisters Eva Ervin, Lillie Wall, Maude Simmons and Mabel Coffey.

Ways and Means Committee introduced: Sister Edwina Trigg, Chairman; Sisters Myrta Nichols and Belle Pears.

Memorial Shrine Committee introduced: Sister Clara Sawyer, Chairman; Sisters Frances Haskell, Carrie Sheriff and Margaret Worrell.

Committee on Organization and Membership introduced: Sister Frances Haskell, Chairman; Sister Mary Williams (who is organizer of the new Circle in Kentucky, Albert Scott Circle).

Assistant Patriotic Instructors introduced: Sisters Ella Berke-meier, Mae Masecar and Frances Rohrback. Greetings from Sister Effie Thrasher of California, who is a member of this committee, were expressed by Sister Catherine Schroeder.

Pass Word was taken up by Conductors.

Scripture lesson was read by Chaplain, Sister Rash, followed by the Lord's Prayer recited in unison. Opening Ode sung.

The Flag of our country was presented by Conductor and Color Bearers, and pledge of allegiance was given, led by Patriotic Instructor Sister Alma Speckner. The American Creed was recited.

Roll Call of National Officers and Past National Presidents. Four Past National Presidents were absent: Sisters Catherine DeLacy Roche, Ethel Irish, Eva French and Emily Tompkins.

Convention appointments as follows were read by National Secretary:

Assistant Secretary	Gertrude M. Walbridge, New York
Musician	Myra Montross, New York
Soloist	Marie Harkins, Pennsylvania

Pages:

Tuesday—Frances Dorsey, Mich., Chief Page; Mabel Schilen, Minn.; Eva Ervin, Maine; Gladys Haines, Kansas.

Wednesday—Ila Mae Armstrong, Pa., Chief Page; Mabel Way, Nebraska; Sadie May Williams, Ohio; Clara Wirth, Idaho.

Thursday—Clara Tice, Ohio, Chief Page; Myrtle Eggiman, Oregon; Maude Simmons, Minnesota; Emily Dubois, Nebraska.

Colors:

Carrie North, Ohio

Conductors:

Monday—Carrie North, Ohio; Sarah Geiger, Minn.

Tuesday—Emma Hayes, N. J.; Lyda Pollard, N. J.

Wednesday—Sarah Dahl, Illinois; Laura Chamberlain, R. I.

Thursday—Verta Kilbury, Mich.; Mary Williams, Kentucky.

Guards:

Tuesday—Nellie Borman, Calif.; Lillian Wilson, Okla.

Wednesday—Rose A. Parker, W. Va.; Ella Parker, Kentucky.

Thursday—Cora Jenkins, Mont.; Minnie Seitz, Calif.; Ethel Piper, Ore.; Ethel Richardson, Ill.

Credentials Committee:

Helen M. Lehman, National Secretary
Gertrude M. Walbridge, Asst. National Secretary
Jeanette Dunford, Missouri
Bessie Moore, Kentucky
Emma Hayes, New Jersey
Suzanne Meyers, Potomac

Courtesy Committee:

All Past National Presidents

Press Committee:

Mamie Giroux, Illinois
Effie Thrasher, Missouri
Louise Shupe, Iowa
Lillie Wall, Michigan
Mabel Coffey, Colorado

Committee on National President's Report:

Martha Van Duzor, Illinois
Josephine Mahar, Missouri
Cora Rowling, Ohio

Committee on National Secretary's Report:

Cassea Orsborn, Washington-Alaska
Ethel Richardson, Illinois
Myrtle Conway, Oklahoma

Committee on National Treasurer's Report:

Clara Sawyer, California
Amanda Hargis, Missouri
Bessie Hart, Indiana

Committee on Report of Editor of Bugle Call:

Pearl Cooke, Illinois
Carrie Sheriff, Pennsylvania
Lida Manson, Indiana

Committee on All Other Officers' Reports:

Sarah Ehrmann, New York
Sarah Geiger, Minnesota
Bessie Hart, Indiana

Committee on Resolutions:

Margaret Grandle, Kansas
Laura McFarlin, Missouri
Lucille Bowlby, Maine
Fannie Small, Iowa

Committee on Membership Awards:

Lillian Cary, Iowa
Clara Hagard, Colorado
Laverna Marquisse, Wisconsin
Minnie Boyd, Texas

Committee on Bugle Call Awards:

Wynnyne Williamson, West Virginia
Eunice Rash, Kansas
Lucy Hanville, Kansas
Marion Crocker, Florida

Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic:

Martha Van Duzor
Josephine Mahar
Carrie Sheriff
Cassea Orsborn
Eva French

Greetings Committee to Women's Relief Corps:

Margaret Grandle
Cora Rowling
Lydia Goodrich

Greetings Committee to Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War:

Sarah Ehrmann
Pearl Cooke
Maude James
Mae Masecar
Dove Krapp

Greetings Committee to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War:

Frances M. Kuhns
Ruth Taylor
Ada Gebb
Emma Hayward

Greetings Committee to Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans: . . .

Wynnye Williamson
Harriet Eaton
Carrie Glaser

President announced the Fifty-second National Convention opened for any business which might properly come before it.

Order of business as follows read by National Secretary:

Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Council of Administration
Report of National President
Report of Advisory Council
Reports of National Officers
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
Roll Call and Seating of Delegates
Nomination and Election of Officers
New Business
Installation of Officers

Moved by Sister Sarah J. Ehrmann, seconded by Sister Wynnye Williamson, that the order of business as read be adopted. Carried.

Announcement was made that Credentials Committee Report and also Report of Council of Administration were not ready at this time.

Our National President began reading her report. As it was time for luncheon before our President finished her report, Sister Frances Kuhns moved, seconded by Sister Wynnye Williamson, that she be given the privilege of finishing her report when convenient. Carried.

A motion was made at 1:00 o'clock by Sister Wynnye Williamson, seconded by several delegates, that the Convention adjourn for lunch. Carried.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION ..

Session called to order by National President at 2:15 P. M. Greetings Committee from the American Legion Auxiliary of Iowa received and presented to Convention. Past Department President Mrs. M. Northrup, Mrs. Fessler and Mrs. Turner extended greetings and Mrs. Fessler presented a lovely bouquet of white gladioli to our President. Sister Harriet Eaton responded to committee, and our soloist sang "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone."

Comrade William McCoy, Department Commander of New Jersey, was presented by Sister Arada Doughty to our National President, who introduced Comrade McCoy to the Convention. After some very interesting remarks by Comrade McCoy, which were responded to by Sister Lehman, Comrade McCoy retired.

Greetings Committee from Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans was admitted. Past National President Mrs. Gertrude Sauter, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mamie Bell, New Jersey, and Dr. Carrie Duncan, Nebraska, were introduced, and after some very pleasing remarks, which were responded to by Sister Clara Sawyer, our soloist sang "When Mother Nature Sings Her Lullaby", and the committee retired.

Committee from Women's Relief Corps was received, comprised of Past Junior Vice-President Mary Keehn of Denver, Leila Whitford, Illinois, and Elizabeth Kersting of Ohio, Past Department President. Greetings were extended which were responded to by Sister Frances Kuhns.

Committee from Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was received. Mrs. Matilda Roberts, Past National President; Bertha Goder, Department President of Minnesota, and Philomena Gans, Department President of North Dakota. Sister Edwina Trigg responded to greetings, and soloist sang "In the Garden of Tomorrow."

Committee from United Spanish War Veterans' Auxiliary—Elsie McMichael, Past Department President of Iowa, and Mrs. Anna Heisler—were received. Response to greetings was made by Sister Rash, and a song, "Twenty-four Hours a Day", was rendered by our soloist.

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Proceedings

MINUTES OF THE 52nd NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1938

On Tuesday morning, September 6th, the first business session of the Fifty-second National Convention was opened in the ballroom of the Hotel Savery. The room was beautifully decorated with palms, flowers in lovely Autumn coloring, flags and bunting.

The meeting was opened by Chairman of Arrangements, Sister Mabel Lynch, Past Department President of Iowa, who very cordially greeted the delegates and introduced Past National President, Sister Helen M. Lehman.

Sister Lehman was requested to escort to the platform our National President, Sister Orpha M. Whitaker. Sister Lynch introduced Sister Whitaker to the Convention, and she was welcomed with warm applause. Sister Arada Doughty, the sister of our National President, greeted her, wished for her a most wonderful convention and presented her with a vase of beautiful yellow flowers.

The National Officers were escorted in and introduced by Sister Whitaker, and all were present.

Brother Ruliff Marshall, brother of our National President, presented Sister Orpha with a beautiful corsage, which was from Sister Oscyello Reilly of Col. Wm. B. Hatch Circle, Camden, N. J., who could not be present to greet Sister Whitaker in person. Our National President presented her brother to the Convention and thanked him for all he had done to assist her during her year of office.

Our Past National Presidents, fourteen in number, were escorted to the platform and introduced. Sister Orpha welcomed them very graciously and thanked them for their years of devoted service to our order.

Chairman of Arrangements, Sister Mabel Lynch, and her committee, Sisters Jennie Beymer, Bertha Hunt, Eva May Richey and Bessie Reese, were introduced, and Sister National President expressed her sincere appreciation of their efforts and work for our Convention.

General Logan, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was escorted in by Past National President Sister Pearl Cooke, and extended greetings from his Committee. Response was given by Past National President Sister Lillian Cary, who stated that General Logan was a son of a Union Veteran. Our National Soloist, Sister Marie Harkins, very beautifully sang "An Old Fashioned Garden" in honor of General Logan.

Department Presidents were escorted in and introduced and welcomed by our National President; twenty-nine Departments were represented, and three Circles under National Jurisdiction.

Legislative Committee was introduced: Sister Margaret Worrell, Chairman, Sisters Eva Ervin, Lillie Wall, Maude Simmons and Mabel Coffey.

Ways and Means Committee introduced: Sister Edwina Trigg, Chairman; Sisters Myrta Nichols and Belle Pears.

Memorial Shrine Committee introduced: Sister Clara Sawyer, Chairman; Sisters Frances Haskell, Carrie Sheriff and Margaret Worrell.

Committee on Organization and Membership introduced: Sister Frances Haskell, Chairman; Sister Mary Williams (who is organizer of the new Circle in Kentucky, Albert Scott Circle).

Assistant Patriotic Instructors introduced: Sisters Ella Berke-meier, Mae Masecar and Frances Rohrback. Greetings from Sister Effie Thrasher of California, who is a member of this committee, were expressed by Sister Catherine Schroeder.

Pass Word was taken up by Conductors.

Scripture lesson was read by Chaplain, Sister Rash, followed by the Lord's Prayer recited in unison. Opening Ode sung.

The Flag of our country was presented by Conductor and Color Bearers, and pledge of allegiance was given, led by Patriotic Instructor Sister Alma Speckner. The American Creed was recited.

Roll Call of National Officers and Past National Presidents. Four Past National Presidents were absent: Sisters Catherine DeLacy Roche, Ethel Irish, Eva French and Emily Tompkins.

Convention appointments as follows were read by National Secretary:

Assistant Secretary	Gertrude M. Walbridge, New York
Musician	Myra Montross, New York
Soloist	Marie Harkins, Pennsylvania

Pages:

Tuesday—Frances Dorsey, Mich., Chief Page; Mabel Schilen, Minn.; Eva Ervin, Maine; Gladys Haines, Kansas.

Wednesday—Ila Mae Armstrong, Pa., Chief Page; Mabel Way, Nebraska; Sadie May Williams, Ohio; Clara Wirth, Idaho.

Thursday—Clara Tice, Ohio, Chief Page; Myrtle Eggiman, Oregon; Maude Simmons, Minnesota; Emily Dubois, Nebraska.

Colors:

Carrie North, Ohio

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Monday—Carrie North, Ohio; Sarah Geiger, Minn.

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Guards:

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Thursday—Cora Jenkins, Mont.; Minnie Seitz, Calif.; Ethel Piper, Ore.; Ethel Richardson, Ill.

Credentials Committee:

Helen M. Lehman, National Secretary
Gertrude M. Walbridge, Asst. National Secretary
Jeanette Dunford, Missouri
Bessie Moore, Kentucky
Emma Hayes, New Jersey
Suzanne Meyers, Potomac

Courtesy Committee:

All Past National Presidents

Press Committee:

Mamie Giroux, Illinois
Effie Thrasher, Missouri
Louise Shupe, Iowa
Lillie Wall, Michigan
Mabel Coffey, Colorado

Committee on National President's Report:

Martha Van Duzor, Illinois
Josephine Mahar, Missouri
Cora Rowling, Ohio

Committee on National Secretary's Report:

Cassea Orsborn, Washington-Alaska
Ethel Richardson, Illinois
Myrtle Conway, Oklahoma

Committee on National Treasurer's Report:

Clara Sawyer, California
Amanda Hargis, Missouri
Bessie Hart, Indiana

Committee on Report of Editor of Bugle Call:

Pearl Cooke, Illinois
Carrie Sheriff, Pennsylvania
Lida Manson, Indiana

Committee on All Other Officers' Reports:

Sarah Ehrmann, New York
Sarah Geiger, Minnesota
Bessie Hart, Indiana

Committee on Resolutions:

Margaret Grandle, Kansas
Laura McFarlin, Missouri
Lucille Bowlby, Maine
Fannie Small, Iowa

Committee on Membership Awards:

Lillian Cary, Iowa
Clara Hagard, Colorado
Laverna Marquisse, Wisconsin
Minnie Boyd, Texas

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Wynnyne Williamson, West Virginia
Eunice Rash, Kansas
Lucy Hanville, Kansas
Marion Crocker, Florida

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Mae Masecar
Dove Krapp

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Frances M. Kuhns
Ruth Taylor
Ada Gebb
Emma Hayward

Greetings Committee to Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans: ..

Wynnye Williamson
Harriet Eaton
Carrie Glaser

President announced the Fifty-second National Convention opened for any business which might properly come before it.

Order of business as follows read by National Secretary:

Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Council of Administration
Report of National President
Report of Advisory Council
Reports of National Officers
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
Roll Call and Seating of Delegates
Nomination and Election of Officers
New Business
Installation of Officers

Moved by Sister Sarah J. Ehrmann, seconded by Sister Wynnye Williamson, that the order of business as read be adopted. Carried.

Announcement was made that Credentials Committee Report and also Report of Council of Administration were not ready at this time.

Our National President began reading her report. As it was time for luncheon before our President finished her report, Sister Frances Kuhns moved, seconded by Sister Wynnye Williamson, that she be given the privilege of finishing her report when convenient. Carried.

A motion was made at 1:00 o'clock by Sister Wynnye Williamson, seconded by several delegates, that the Convention adjourn for lunch. Carried.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION ..

Session called to order by National President at 2:15 P. M. Greetings Committee from the American Legion Auxiliary of Iowa received and presented to Convention. Past Department President Mrs. M. Northrup, Mrs. Fessler and Mrs. Turner extended greetings and Mrs. Fessler presented a lovely bouquet of white gladioli to our President. Sister Harriet Eaton responded to committee, and our soloist sang "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone."

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Advisory Council decisions read by National Secretary and action taken by Convention as follows:

Presented by Department of Idaho

1. Why are Departments asked to sell books and chances on various objects in order to finance the National Convention? Council ruled that this has been taken care of in recommendations of the Council in relation to financing of our work. The Council was sustained.

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Whereas, as the result of the withdrawal of such funds the patriotic teachings have been greatly lessened throughout our Order, and

Whereas, we, as an organization "are banded together to teach patriotism and lessons of good citizenship to the children of our land", therefore, be it

Resolved: That the National Body restore funds to the Patriotic Instructor to enable her to carry on the work as in former years. Council recommends that hereafter patriotic literature be prepared by a committee appointed by the National President, and subject to her approval, for distribution, which literature shall bear the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Moved by Sister Rose Bergsing, Minnesota, seconded by Sister Myra Nichols, Iowa, that Council be sustained. Carried.

3. The Department of Idaho submitted a statement in relation to the origin and development of the observance of Father's Day, and requested that the National Body pass a resolution, to be adopted in the Departments and Circles under National jurisdiction, providing for the wearing of a red rose on that day in honor of our Fathers, be they living or dead.

Council ruled that we have previously expressed our recognition of a National Father's Day but feel that we have no jurisdiction over selecting of flower to be worn.

Moved by Sister Ruth Taylor, Mass., seconded by Sister Clara Wirth, Idaho, that Council be sustained. Carried.

Presented by Department of New Jersey

"The Department of New Jersey protests the ruling made by the National Convention in 1936 that delegates to the Department Conventions pay a registration fee, and that this matter should be left optional with the Departments."

Council recommends, on motion by Sister Ehrmann, that the ruling made in 1936 on this registration fee remain the same.

Moved by Sister Margaret Worrell, Washington, D. C., seconded by Sister Lillian Wilson, Oklahoma, that the Council be sustained and the ruling remain the same. Carried.

Presented by Department of Michigan

"That any member who has not attended six regular meetings during the year be disqualified as a voter on election day, even though in good standing, to prevent certain parties controlling the election each year." Council recommends, on motion by Sister Ehrmann, seconded by Sister Kuhns, that Rules and Regulations remain the same.

Moved by Sister Clara Tice, Ohio, seconded by Sister Eva Ervin, Maine, that Council be sustained and that Rules and Regulations remain the same. Motion carried.

Presented by Department of Illinois

Recommendation of Department Secretary of Illinois:
To the Committee on Revision of Report Blanks:

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I therefore respectfully recommend:

That when new report blanks are printed that a line be added to read "Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues".

MILLICENT A. EIFERT, Dept. Secretary
July 7, 1939

Unanimously adopted by the Advisory Council, and decision sustained by the 47th Department Convention, Department of Illinois.

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Moved by Sister Clara Smith, Ohio, seconded by Sister Laura Chamberlain, Rhode Island, that Council be sustained. Carried.

Presented by Department of New York

Rochester, N. Y., June 16, 1938

• "Resolved: That the New York Department, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, endorse the movement started last November, 1937, by Past National President, Clara N. Sawyer, to have General John A. Logan and the Grand Army of the Republic honored by having the United States, under the direction of Postmaster-General James A. Farley, issue a special Memorial Day stamp for 1939, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Memorial Day, May 30th. This resolution to be sent to National Convention for their endorsement.

(Signed) Sarah J. Ehrmann,
Past National President

• Emily J. Tompkins,
Past National President

Council recommends, on motion of Sister Williamson, that we adopt this resolution and urge all members to contact their congressmen, to hasten adoption of this recommendation.

Moved by Sister Marie Buhler, N. Y., seconded by Sister Olivene Smith, N. Y., that Council be sustained. Carried.

Recommendations of Advisory Council

As there will not be sufficient money in the National General Fund to pay the expenses of this National Convention, Council recommends, on motion by Sister Eaton, seconded by Sister Smith, that we borrow enough money from our Special Fund, to be paid back with interest, to finance this deficit.

Moved by Sister Margaret Worrell, Washington, D. C., seconded by Sister Amanda Hargis, Missouri, that Council be sustained. Carried.

Council recommends, on motion by Sister Mahar, seconded by Sister Sawyer, that in order to repay the amount borrowed from the Special Fund, and to resume and continue our much needed patriotic work, that an assessment of twenty-five cents be levied on each member, this to be paid to the National for the quarter ending December 31, 1938.

Moved by Sister Marie Buhler, N. Y., seconded by Sister Ruth Taylor, Mass., that Council be sustained. Motion carried.

On motion by Sister Schroeder, seconded by Sister Manson, Council recommends that at future National Conventions the expenses of only the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Bugle Call be paid; and that \$25.00 be allowed to all other elected officers and Past National Presidents attending National Convention.

Moved by Sister Mamie Giroux, Ill., seconded by Sister Marie Buhler, N. Y., that Council be sustained. Carried.

Council recommends, on motion by Sister Manson, seconded by Sister Sawyer, that the salaries of the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Bugle Call each be reduced to \$25.00 a month.

Moved by Sister Maude James, Kansas, seconded by Sister Clara Smith, Ohio, that the Council be sustained. A rising vote was taken—90 for, 77 against. Council sustained.

On motion by Sister Mahar, seconded by Sister Sawyer, Council Recommends that the choice of the National Memorial to be left in Convention City, be left to the discretion of the presiding National President.

Moved by Sister Mabel Shilken, Minn., seconded by Sister Richardson, Ill., that Council be sustained. Motion carried.

Council recommends, on motion by Sister Eaton, seconded by Sister Manson, that we continue to use the Pledge to the Flag in our ritualistic work as designated in the ritual, but, in public, give the correct and universal pledge for women, placing the hand over the heart, and then out toward the flag.

Moved by Sister Frances Haskell, Washington-Alaska, seconded by Sister Mollie Neubauer, Missouri, that Council be sustained. Carried.

Moved by Sister Mahar, seconded by several delegates, that only the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Bugle Call be read in Convention, and that all other reports be printed in Proceedings without reading. Motion carried.

Moved by Sister Cooke, seconded by Sister Kuhns, that the regular order of business be suspended and that we go into election of officers. Carried.

Roll call and seating of delegates: 224 delegates reported present and entitled to vote.

Sister Lilian Cary was appointed Judge of Tellers.

The National President announced that printed ballots were permissible, and requested that where there was more than one nominee that there be no demonstration.

Nominations opened for National President.

Sister Laura McFarlin, Department President of Missouri, nominated Sister Edwina Trigg of Missouri.

Sister Pearl Cooke nominated Sister Wilma Ramon of Illinois.

Sister Cassea Orsborn nominated Sister Frances Haskell of Washington and Alaska.

Sister Ramon very graciously declined the nomination.

Sister Cary asked that Sister Van Duzor act at Judge. Tellers: Sister Josephine Mahar and Sister Dove Krapp. 221 balots were cast; Sister Trigg, 139; Sister Haskell, 82. Sister Trigg was declared elected National President, and was immediately congratulated by Sister Haskell.

Nominations for Senior Vice-President.

Sister Bessie Hart, Department President of Indiana, nominated Sister Nellie Stammel of Indiana.

Sister Suzanne Meyer, Department President of Potomac, nominated Sister Margaret Worrell of Department of Potomac.

After vote was cast, Judge and Tellers retired to count the vote. Nominations opened for Junior Vice President.

Sister Clara Tice nominated Sister Nora Koehler of Ohio.

Sister Verta Kilbury nominated Sister Lilile Wall of Michigan.

Sister Harriet Eaton nominated Sister Jennie Beymer of Iowa.

Sister Lillian Norton nominated Sister Mabel Coffey of Colorado and Wyoming.

Sister Cassea Orsborn nominated Sister Belle Pears of Montana.

Sister Sarah Geiger nominated Sister Rose Bergsing of Minnesota.

Sister Lida Manson nominated Sister Marion Crocker of Florida.

Sister Sarah Ehrmann appointed Judge and Sisters Emily Dubois of Nebraska and Elizabeth Dupuy appointed Tellers. Result of first ballot was: Sister Koehler, 20; Sister Wall, 66; Sister Beymer, 38; Sister Coffey, 33; Sister Pears, 24; Sister Bergsing, 28; Sister Crocker, 13. No Election. Sisters Koehler, Crocker and Bergsing withdrew.

Tellers returned with the vote for National Senior Vice-President. Sister Stammel received 133; Sister Worrell, 88. Sister Stammel declared elected National Senior Vice-President, and was congratulated by Sister Worrell.

At this time National Inspector Sister Wilma Ramon, in a very happy and charming manner presented to our National President a testimonial from her many friends and the members of our Order, at the same time paying tribute to Sister Orpha for her efforts and unselfish devotion throughout the year. Our National President graciously accepted the testimonial, thanking Sister Ramon and the entire membership for their love and co-operation which had encouraged and helped her so much in her work for the Order.

Nominations opened for National Treasurer.

Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, the present incumbent, was nominated by Sister D. P. Smith.

Moved by Sister Van Duzor, seconded by several delegates, that when only one candidate is nominated that the candidate be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Sister Smith was elected by acclamation and accepted the office with thanks.

Nominations opened for National Chaplain.

Sister Hayes nominated Sister Harriet Eaton of New York.

Sister Nettie Borman nominated Sister Catherine Schroeder of California and Nevada.

Sister Pearl Cooke was appointed Judge, and Sisters Sawyer and Hunt were appointed Tellers.

Moved by Sister Marie Buhler of New York, seconded by several delegates, that after the ballot is cast it be sealed and counted in the morning. Motion carried.

Moved by Sister Cora Rowling, seconded by Sister Chamberlain, at 5:30 o'clock that we adjourn. Carried.

Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by Sister Whitaker, National President, at 9:00 o'clock. Pass word taken up. Scripture lesson and prayer, led by National Chaplain Sister Rash. Pledge to Flag given, led by National Senior Vice-President, Sister Trigg.

Roll call by National Secretary.

Reading of National Secretary's report.

Report on the ballot for National Chaplain was given as follows: Sister Catherine Schroeder, 110 votes; Sister Harriet Eaton, 105 votes; two blanks. Sister Schroeder was declared elected.

The Betsy Ross Quartette from Ohio was escorted in and introduced by Past National Presidents Pearl Cooke and Cora Rowling. The beautiful songs rendered by the quartette were greatly enjoyed and Sister Whitaker expressed the thanks of the Convention to the members of the quartette for coming to us. After the response given by Sister Eaton they retired.

Mrs. Early, secretary of the Citizens' Executive Committee, was escorted in and introduced by Past National President Sister Van Duzor. In her remarks Mrs. Early expressed her appreciation of the co operation given by our local Committee on Arrangements and told of her pleasure in working with them. National Counselor Sister Frances Kuhns responded very graciously to Mrs. Early's remarks, and Sister Whitaker thanked her for all the courtesies extended to our Organization. Our Soloist, Sister Harkins, appropriately sang "The End of a Perfect Day", and Sister Whitaker presented a personal gift to Mrs. Early.

At this time Sister Whitaker expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation for the many lovely gifts presented to her at the Get-Together meeting on the previous evening.

The delegates were counted and the result was 189.

Nominations were opened for National Patriotic Instructor. Past National President Sister Margaret Grandle nominated Sister Mabel Lynch of Iowa, our chairman of arrangements.

There being no further nominations, it was moved by Sister Pearl Cooke, seconded by Sister Ethel Richardson, that Sister Lynch be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Sister Lynch thanked the members of the Convention for the honor of being given this National Office, and accepted.

Nominations opened for National Registrar.

Past National President Sister Clara Sawyer nominated our present Registrar, Sister Theo Redfern.

Department President Clara Tice of Ohio nominated Sister Sadie Mae Williams.

Tellers reported on second ballot for National Junior Vice-President, as follows: Lillie Wall, 78 votes; Jennie Beymer, 39; Mabel Coffey, 44; Belle Pears, 24. No election. Sisters Pears and Beymer withdrew.

Sister Mamie Giroux nominated Sister Orpha Whitaker for the office of National Counselor.

Moved by Sister Ethel Richardson, Ill., seconded by Sister Olivene Smith, New York, that the Secretary cast one ballot for Sister Whitaker for National Counselor. Carried. Sister Whitaker accepted the office and was declared elected.

Report of National Treasurer was read by Sister Ethelyn Smith. Moved by Sister Wynnye Williamson, seconded by several delegates, that warrants be printed in Convention Proceedings and not read in Convention. Carried.

Report of Bugle Call Editor read by Sister Wynnye Williamson. At the close of her report Sister Williamson presented the Bugle Call awards as follows:

Award of \$5.00 offered by Sister Mamie Giroux, National Press Correspondent, was won by Sister Grace Pagett, Department Press Correspondent of Kansas.

Bugle Call Editor's awards: \$5.00 each. Department with over 20 Circles, won by the Department of Kansas—116 subscriptions.

Department under 20 Circles, won by the Department of West Virginia—63 subscriptions.

To the Sister in Department of over 20 Circles, won by Sister Gertrude M. Walbridge—99 subscriptions.

To the Sister in Department of under 20 Circles, won by Sister Theo Redfern, Rhode Island—49 subscriptions.

Past National President Josephine Mahar reported on the visit of our Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic and stated the committee was very cordially received.

Ballot taken for National Registrar and tellers retired for the count.

Third ballot taken for National Junior Vice-President, with two candidates in the field: Sisters Lillie Wall and Mabel Coffey. Tellers retired.

At this time National Chaplain Sister Rash awarded to the Department of Montana a beautiful white Bible as her personal gift to the Department, which was 100 per cent on Chaplains' reports. She stated that the gift was won by the Department of Montana through the efforts of Department Chaplain Sister Van Horn.

National President Sister Whitaker appointed Sisters Minnie Seitz, California, and Ethel Richardson, Illinois, as Pages for the day.

Tellers reported on the ballot for National Registrar. Sister Theo Redfern received 110 votes and Sister Sadie Mae Williams 71. Sister Redfern was declared elected.

The following letter was presented by Past National President Sister Clara Sawyer and read by National Secretary Sister Lehman:

Mrs. Clara N. Sawyer
2182 Julian Avenue
San Diego, California
My dear Mrs. Sawyer:

I have received full accounts of the placing of the tablet to my dear mother and have been, of course, deeply gratified thereby.

In case you were not present at the occasion, I may add that my nephew, Samuel Prescott Hall, unveiled the tablet, thereby giving us a double gratification.

With thanks for your kind note, believe me

Faithfully yours,

LAURA E. RICHARDS

Result of third ballot for National Junior Vice-President was given. Sister Lillie Wall, Mich., receiving 94 votes and Sister Mabel Coffey, Colorado, 80 votes. Sister Wall was declared elected, and accepted that office.

Moved by Sister Emma Hayes, seconded by Sister Lilian Wilson, that Convention be adjourned until 2:00 o'clock. Carried.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order at 2:00 P. M. by National President Sister Whitaker. Pass word taken up by Conductors.

Minutes of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning sessions read by National Secretary Sister Lehman.

Report of Resolutions Committee given by Past National President Sister Margaret Grandle.

Moved by Sister Laura Chamberlain, seconded by Sister Cora Rowling, that report of Resolutions Committee be adopted, also that the Convention heartily endorse the Resolution on Patriotic Organization as presented by Sister Grandle. Carried.

Moved by Past National President Sister Sawyer, seconded by Sister Mabel Shilken that the Convention heartily endorse H. R. 8887, a bill providing for the naming of United States Highway, No. 6, as Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Carried.

Sister Emma Hayward, Department of Potomac, was appointed Assistant Conductor.

Nominations were opened for members of the Council of Administration.

Sister Carrie Sheriff nominated Sister Ila Mae Armstrong, Pennsylvania.

Sister Pearl Cooke nominated Sister Emma Hayes, New Jersey.

Sister Van Duzor nominated Sister Helen Lehman, New Jersey.

Sister Lehman nominated Sister Gertrude Walbridge, New York.

Sister Sawyer nominated Sister Eva Ervin, Maine.

Sister Conway nominated Sister Lillian Wilson, Oklahoma.

Sister Tice nominated Sister Clara Smith, Ohio.

Sister Starkey nominated Sister Marian Crocker, Florida.

Sister Geiger nominated Sister Mabel Shilken, Minnesota.

Sister Searcy nominated Sister Bertha Hunt, Iowa.

Sister Worrell nominated Sister Emma Hayward, Potomac.

Sister Norton nominated Sister Mabel Coffey, Colorado.

Sisters Helen Lehman, Bertha Hunt and Emma Hayward declined the nominations.

Nominations opened for Editor of Bugle Call. Sister Van Duzor nominated Sister Wynnye Williamson. Sister Cora Rowling nominated Sister Cassea Orsborn. Sister Orsborn declined the nomination.

Moved by Sister Mamie Giroux that Sister Williamson be elected by acclamation. Seconded by several delegates. Carried.

Sister Williamson accepted the office and thanked the Convention.

The many letters and telegrams of greetings received during the Convention were read by the National Secretary. Sister Clara Sawyer added the greetings of Sister Josie Slicker of California and Sister Frances Dorsey of Michigan extended the greetings of the Girls' Circle, No. 16, of Detroit to our National President.

Moved by Sister Van Duzor, seconded by Sister Schroeder, that these messages be received and made a part of the record. Carried.

Sister Catherine Schroeder escorted in and introduced Department Commander J. R. Young and Past Department Commander Dunston of California who brought greetings from the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of California. Sister Cassea Orsborn responded to their greetings, and all joined in singing "Let Us Call You Sweetheart" in honor of these dear Comrades.

Tellers reported on election of members for the Council of Administration, as follows: Gertrude M. Walbridge, 63 votes; Mabel Coffey, 50; Ila Mae Armstrong, 35; Mabel Shilken, 32; Lillian Wilson, 22; Marian Crocker, 21; Eva Ervin, 20; Clara Smith, 19; Emma Hayes, 13:

Members of the Council of Administration were declared elected as follows: Gertrude M. Walbridge, Chairman; Mabel Coffey and Ila Mae Armstrong.

Sister Helen Lehman announced at this time that she would present two large flags to the National Organization at the next Convention in Memory of her dear mother, Sister Abbie J. Mitchell. The flags would be similar to those she presented in memory of her daughter, Virginia.

Past National President Sister Lilian Cary escorted in and presented Mr. Arthur Brayton of the local Executive Committee. Mr. Bryton said he appreciated the honor of coming to our Convention and that he considered our patriotic organizations made up just about the finest convention ever to visit Des Moines. He also said he would not say good-bye but au re voir, hoping we would soon come back again to the city. Sister Marie Harkins very effectively rendered "When Apples Grow on the Lilac Tree" for Mr. Brayton.

Report of the Committee on Membership Awards was given by the Chairman, Sister Lillian Cary. The following Sisters, having secured ten or more new members, were entitled to a gold recognition pin:

Rose Parker, West Virginia; Frances Haskell, Washington-Alaska; Mae Lamkin, Iowa; Etta Larned, New York; May Gable, Illinois; Laura Landis, Pennsylvania; Matilda Henderson, Colorado; Ida Stone, Rhode Island; Mary Gosser, Oregon; Elizabeth Markham, Michigan; Clara Bird, Oregon; Adelia Brinkmeyer, Illinois; Ethel Mott, Oregon; Lydia McCray, Ill; Helen Munson, Iowa.

Sister Permelia Daugherty received a gold recognition pin for organizing Circle No. 76 of Ventura, California.

Sister Cary also reported that W.W. Berry Circle, No. 30, of Quincy, Ill., and W. F. Sherman Circle of Dallas, Ore., had doubled their membership, and that a new Circle had been organized in Elmira, N. Y. She thought it worthy of mention that W. W. Berry Circle, with a membership of 20 in January, 1938, had initiated 30 new members and reinstated two on April 30, 1938, an increase of 32 members, and a total membership of 52. Circle No. 76 of Ventura, California, also doubled its membership.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried to accept this splendid report of the Committee on Membership Awards.

William N. Anderson, newly-elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was escorted in and presented by Sister Catherine Schroeder, and gave an inspiring talk on building up the membership of our organization. Soloist sang "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone." Commander Anderson then remarked that there was a strange coincidence in having this song given as he had just closed his Convention by saying: "Who will carry on when the Boys in Blue are gone."

Sister Martha Van Duzor gave the report of the Committee on National President's Report. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Department President Emma Hayes of New Jersey asked whether a Department officer may transfer from one Circle to another while holding a Department office. Answer was given that there is no rule prohibiting such transfer and that her honors go with her.

Sister Laura Chamberlain, Department President of Rhode Island, asked if a hymn may be played while the Bible is being closed. Question answered in the affirmative.

The drawing of the lucky numbers on the Books of Shares was held, and resulted as follows:

First prize—Sister Eunice Rash, Kansas.

Second prize—U. S. Grant Circle, No. 1, Department of Potomac.

Third prize—McPherson Circle, No. 33, Oregon.

A rising vote of thanks was given Sister Harriet Eaton for her splendid work as chairman of this Committee. The amount taken in was \$282.50.

Gifts were presented to Sister Ila Mae Armstrong, newly elected member of the Council of Administration, from the Pennsylvania delegation.

Sister Walbridge, Chairman of the Council, was presented with a gift from the New York delegation.

The National President announced the joint Advisory Council meeting would be held at 9:30 o'clock that evening in the Florentine Room.

At this time the Conductors escorted to the platform Sister Arada Doughty and Brother Ruliff Marshall. Our National President expressed herself as very happy to have had her dear Sister and Brother with her throughout her entire Convention and thanked them for all the assistance and encouragement they had given her during the year.

The next order of business being Installation of Officers, National President-elect Sister Edwina Trigg appointed Past National President Sister Martha Van Duzor as installing officer and Past National Presidents Sisters Josephine Mahar and Pearl Cooke as installing conductors.

Sister Van Duzor in a very beautiful and impressive manner installed the following newly-elected and appointed officers of our National body:

President	Edwina Trigg, Missouri
Senior Vice-President	Nellie K. Stammel, Indiana
Junior Vice-President	Lillie C. Wall, Michigan
Treasurer	Ethelyn P. Smith, Nebraska
Secretary	Jesie Kent, Missouri
Chaplain	Catherine Schroeder, California
Patriotic Instructor	Mabel Lynch, Iowa
Registrar	Theo Redfern, Rhode Island

Sister Trigg was escorted to the altar by Conductors Josephine Mahar and Pearl Cooke and presented by Past National President Lida Manson. An honorary escort of ten Past National Presidents completed the picture.

At the close of the installation ceremony a beautiful vase of yellow chrysanthemums, roses and gladioli was presented to Sister Trigg by the Department of Missouri. A lovely arm bouquet of white chrysanthemums was also presented to Sister Trigg by her own Circle while Sister Harkins very effectively sang "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses."

Sister Trigg pledged her loyal support to the service of our Order and asked for the co-operation of every member. National Counselor Sister Whitaker warmly congratulated our newly-elected National President and wished for her a most happy and successful year.

The delegates joined hands and with the singing of "God Be With You Til We Meet Again" our National President Edwina Trigg declared the Fifty-second National Convention closed to meet next year at the call of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully Submitted

HELEN M. LEHMAN

Secretary

GERTRUDE M. WALBRIDGE

Assistant Secretary

DECISION OF JOINT COUNCIL

Council decides, on motions properly made and seconded:

1. To borrow \$600 from the Special Fund. Carried.
2. That we add the line "Number of Circles Reporting" to the Chaplain's report. Carried.
3. That our National Treasurer prepare and submit a new price list for supplies at our next National Convention. Carried.
4. That we discontinue printing Circle and Department Inspection blanks. Carried.
5. That our National President, Sister Trigg, with the permission of the Committee on Revision of Report Blanks, be permitted to change the size of the report blanks. Carried.
6. That we immediately take steps to get incorporation papers for our National Body. Carried.
7. That the Presiding Officer and the Counselor represent the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Council Meeting of the National Grand Army of the Republic. Carried.
8. That the National President, Sister Trigg, and the National Counselor, Sister Whitaker, go to the Grand Army of the Republic as the representatives of our organization, pay our respects and pledge our support and assistance in furtherance of their plans. Carried.
9. That all bills be paid. Carried.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Friday morning, 11:30 o'clock. A meeting was called by Past National President, Orpha M. Whitaker, in the Savery Hotel, for the purpose of hearing the report of the following committee, appointed at the closing Council Meeting.

Past National President, Orpha M. Whitaker, and National President, Edwina P. Trigg, reported they had met with the Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennett, and that he informed them they were in need of funds. Our Committee offered him a donation from our Organization, Sister Wynnye G. Williamson, Past National President, moved that we donate \$500 this year to our Grand Army of the Republic. Seconded by Sister Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President, and carried.

The following members of the Council were present. Past National Presidents, Carrie V. Sheriff, Clara N. Sawyer, Lillian C. Cary, Cassea H. Osborn, Margaret Grandle, Josephine Mahar, Wynnye G. Williamson, and Frances M. Kuhns, Ethelyn P. Smith, Treasurer, and Theo Redfern, Registrar.

Frances M. Khuns,
Secretary Pro Tem.

Report of National President

Des Moines, Iowa, September 4, 1938

Dear Sisters:

One year ago, when you gave into my hands the gavel of this National Body, an emblem of authority, but to me the symbol of Service, I accepted the responsibilities with a full realization of the important duties it involved, and pledged myself to the fullest measure of devoted Service to our Order, to its principles, and to its work.

When I was installed into office by Past National President, Sister Catherine DeLacy Roche of Pennsylvania, who was assisted by Past National Presidents, Sister Josephine Mahar and Sister Pearl C. Cooke, as Conductors, I had the unusual privilege of having my own Sister, Arada Doughty, Past Department President, and brother, Ruliff A. Marshall, escort me to my station, preceeded by all Past National Presidents, who were present. I still visualize the Three Links which united us together on that memorable night a year ago. My heart is filled with gratitude to the Divine Providence that has given me health and strength to perform my work this year, and it is with a feeling of thankfulness that I voice to you my deep appreciation for the wonderful experience and privilege that has been mine. I have tried to carry on the work with "Sincerity and Service".

To the many problems that have come before me I have given my careful and impartial consideration, ever with the thought "Be ye kind" and "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you".

If I've brought a little sunshine,
If I've helped to lift a care
Made the way a little brighter
Or a burden helped to share;

Then I feel that God has blessed me,
And has surely heard my prayer,
For I asked that He would lead me
And would use me everywhere.

We have gathered together in this hospitable city of Des Moines to review the work of the past year, to renew our pledges of loyalty to the Order, to consider and weigh its problems, and to carefully legislate for its future progress. Let us enter into this session in a spirit of Loyalty and Sisterly confidence, and let harmony prevail regardless of the issues that may be brought before us.

It is a pleasure to extend to you a sincere and cordial welcome to this, our fifty-second annual session. May the hours you spend here be both pleasant and profitable, and the associations we are about to enjoy together be a fond and permanent memory.

To our dear Past National Presidents, I find it difficult to frame words to express what your loyalty and co-operation have meant to me, you who have climbed the rugged pathway and placed our order on higher levels by your service of many years, we welcome you. Your presence here this morning is an inspiration. God bless you and keep you well and happy.

To those who are deprived from being with us, we send loving greetings and deeply regret that we are denied the inspiration of their presence.

We extend a cordial welcome, and greeting to the new Circles added this year, may each one continue to grow and prosper, and become shining links in the Golden everlasting chain, which binds us all together as worthy members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the midst of our happiness there comes a sadness as we are reminded of those who, since last we met in annual session, have entered into eternal rest.

The ranks of the official family has been broken, in the passing on of two Past National Presidents, Sister Annie M. Michener, and Sister Elma B. Dalton. They have given of their service for our Order. Because, of their service and labors, we are richer and better in the paths which they have paved for us. Many members have been called on to part with those near and dear to them. To all these loved ones, who mourn their loss, our heartfelt sympathies, and commanding them to the loving and tender care of "Him" who doeth all things well.

My heart is very full this morning as I realize that I am near the end of a year of service. I have found many friends along the road I have traveled, and I welcome this opportunity to tell you how much your co-operation has meant to me, and how deeply your friendships are appreciated. I have enjoyed my term of office to the fullest degree, and the many pleasant times I have had with you as I have endeavored to the best of my ability to perform the duties of my office, but,

"The things that count at the set of the sun,
Is the service rendered and the things we've done."

I now bring you a report of the year's work. I would that each of you could know the sincere desire that has been mine to be of service and to "faithfully and impartially perform" all the duties belonging to my office.

On my return home, September 13th. headquarters were established at No. 125 No. Dudley Street, Camden, N. J., and General Orders No. 1 issued under date of October 8th. Having decided to have Rosters printed at once instead of waiting until February for the names and addresses of new officers for the Circles under National Jurisdiction, the names and addresses of Department officers were omitted from these Orders, knowing it would be a saving in printing. National Secretary, Sister Lehman, took care of printing of Rosters, and they were sent out early in November.

At the beginning of my year, one of my desires was that I might be privileged to visit every state where our Order has representation. I am happy to report this has been accomplished, and I feel I would be remise to not mention that only by the assistance of my Brother, Ruliff A. Marshall, who gave his promise to help me, was I able to accomplish this. He gave freely of his time, and used his Automobile that I might make many of these

visits. I have traveled more than 28 thousand miles, visited officially every Department, and all Circles under National Jurisdiction in San Antonio, Texas, Louisville, Kentucky, Natchez, Miss., Chamberland, So. Dakota, and Wilmington, Delaware. I have traveled in every state in the Union to make these visits except to the state of North Dakota. Leaving New York state for Michigan, traveled thru Canada.

While making my official visits to the Circles and Departments, many beautiful flowers and gifts were presented to me, and I was royally entertained with receptions, luncheons and banquets. I would like to enumerate to you all these wonderful functions given in my honor by the Sisters of our Order in every State. I shall always remember with grateful appreciation all these loving acts, and the friendships formed through these personal contacts.

On September 20th attended the meeting of my own Circle, Col. Wm. B. Hatch No. 2, where a sincere welcome was accorded me. Fifty-one years ago, Sister Laura McNeir Loud, our first National President, had brought this honor to them, and the members were delighted they were so honored again.

October 2nd—In company with Department President of New Jersey, Sister Cline, and several Past Department Presidents, attended the meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies at Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, N. J. Was a dinner guest of the Association and extended greetings.

October 4th—Attended my own Circle meeting where I was again welcomed by the members and visitors. The room was decorated with lovely flowers.

October 8th—Attended the inspection of Battery B Circle No. 14 in Newark, in company with National Secretary, Sister Lehman, Corresponding Secretary, Sister Doughty, Department Commander, Comrade McCoy, and Comrade Bilbie, Past Department Commander, and many Department Officers.

October 13th—Attended the inspection of General Grant Circle in Morristown. This was a wonderful meeting. Department Commander, Comrade McCoy, Comrade Bilbee, Department President and many Department Officers were present.

October 23rd—Attended a reception to Department Commander, Comrade McCoy in Trenton, given by the Trenton Federated Society. Department President, Sister Cline, presented a large marching flag to the Department of New Jersey Grand Army of the Republic from Col. Wm. B. Hatch Circle. I gave a tribute to the flag and extended greetings of the National body.

October 28th—In company with my Sister Arada, and Brother, Ruliff, Department President, Sister Cline, and Past Department President, Sister Mary Cline, left home for New York. Was met by many members of Circles of North Jersey and New York, and my Secretary, Helen. From there we went by boat to Bedloe's Island to attend the presentation of the 48 state flags to the Government by the Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. This was a very inspiring spectacle, and your National President was the honored guest of the Auxiliary on this occasion.

In the evening attended the inspection of Kearny Circle No. 1, Newark. Another splendid evening, National Secretary, National Corresponding Secretary, and most all Department Officers attending.

October 29th—Attended the inspection of Bayard Circle, No. 8, in Trenton.

October 30th—Attended a reception to National Secretary, Sister Lehman, in Koss Tea Room, Jersey City. Met many members and friends from New York and New Jersey.

November 4th—Went to Hackettstown to attend inspection of General Torbitt Circle; had the two comrades with us and 9 Sons of Veterans.

November 8th—Went to Hackettstown again in company with Department President, Sister Cline, and Past Department President Mary Cline and was the house guest of Sister Lydia Sanford, Department Senior Vice-President. In the evening, attended inspection of Margaret Campbell Circle. This was a splendid meeting, and several visitors from Lafayette Circle of Easton were present, among them my friend, Sister Mae Porter, Past Department President of Pennsylvania. The next evening, November 9th, left Hackettstown for Bernardsville where we attended the inspection of Stephen Pierson Circle No. 51.

November 11—Journeyed to Pleasantville to meet with the members of Wm. Naphas Circle No. 57, for inspection.

November 13—The Department of New Jersey tendered the National President a banquet and reception in the Ball Room of Walt Whitman Hotel in Camden, and altho a very stormy night, it did not keep my many friends from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey from being present. This was an outstanding occasion of the year. Many National and Department Officers, Department Commander and Past Department Commander, Mayor and Mrs. George Brunner, the Department Heads of all Allied Orders, Officers and members of my own Circle attended. I was presented with many beautiful and useful gifts, among them a turkey with red, white and blue ribbon streamers, and a green-back was tied on the end of each ribbofn. This gift was from my Circle, and in presenting it the President said the Turkey was to be my Mascot during the year. Later at a Circle meeting a drawing was held to name the Turkey, and it was christened Oswald, and Oswald has accompanied me on most of my trips, traveling in my hat box.

November 15th—Attended meeting of my Circle.

November 18th—My Brother and I left home for Parkersburg, W. Va. Arrived at home of the Editor of Bugle Call, Sister Williamson, early in afternoon of the 19th in a snow and sleet storm. Was the guest of Sister Wynnye over weekend, where I met many members. On Sunday evening a dinner was given in my honor by General John A. Logan Circle. This was a splendid evening, and was my first visit as National President outside the State of New Jersey. I gave a talk on our Order in general, and told them I thought they were giving me a wonderful start.

November 22nd—Arrived in Louisville, Kentucky, and was the guest of August Willick Circle, under National Jurisdiction, at Courtland Hotel, where many members called.

November 23rd—Attended the meeting of August Willick Circle at the home of Mrs. Grall, a daughter of Mrs. Cain, and inspected their books. A delicious dinner was served. These Sisters are doing a wonderful patriotic work.

November 24th—Was guest of Sisters Moore and Williams on a trip to "My Old Kentucky Home", and at dinner. In the evening visited the Department of Kentucky in company with eight members of August Willick Circle. The Department had more than fifty members present, and their beautiful singing added much enjoyment.

November 25th—Left for Natchez, Miss. Had several hundred miles of roads under construction to travel, but arrived safely on November 27th in the afternoon. Had a conference with President, Sister Banks, and her Secretary, looked over their books and found they had not been holding meetings. Their Secretary had died more than a year before, and none of the mail sent by the National Secretary had been turned over to the other Officers of the Circle, and these members whom I visited thought the National was thru with them as they never received any blanks or notices. I talked to them about our work in general, and they promised to get some of the members together, have election of officers and pay their Per Capita Tax, which they have done. While the trip to Natchez was long and tedious on account of the condition of roads, I feel it was warranted.

November 30th—Arrived in San Antonio, Texas. Due to address of President being incorrect in Roster, we arrived at the home of Mrs. Soule, a Past President, instead of Mrs. Curtis the present President. After another seven miles journey we reached Mrs. Curtis' home and found her reading a letter which I had sent ten days before, stating I would be with them on December 2nd. The letter had been delayed on account of wrong address.

December 1st—Devoted to sightseeing as guests of Mrs. Flannagen and Mrs. Boyd. The trip to the Zoo, Fort Sam Houston and the Church of the Little Flower, as well as the Old Mexican, original restaurant, was enjoyed. Was guest of Mrs. Flannagen at Mexican dinner.

December 2nd—Met with the Circle in morning and inspected their books. Many questions were asked concerning the good of our Order. This Circle is doing all they can in the teaching of patriotism. At close of meeting a dinner was given in my honor at Rio Vista Mexican Restaurant. Over twenty members were present.

December 4th—Arrived in Oklahoma City, and was entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. Glasgarn, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Wilson, the Department President. In the afternoon met several of the members in their meeting room. I spoke to them of our work in general, and encouraged them. On Sunday we were taken on a sight seeing trip. This was thoroughly enjoyed, although the weather was bitter cold . . . This visit to Oklahoma will stand out in my mind for many years to come.

December 6th—Bright and early we left for Headquarters at Chanute, Kansas. On learning our route would take us thru Thayer, Kansas, we decided to stop and try to locate our National Chaplain, Sister Rash. After driving a few blocks in town I saw a large American flag flying in the breeze, and knew at once it was the home of Sister Rash, who extended us a cordial welcome, and where my headquarters were made during my stay in Kansas. The following day was dinner guest of Sister Lucy Haines, Department President, in company with Mr. Haines, Mr. Marshall, Gladys Haines, Department Secretary; Sister Eunice Rash, and Mrs. Alcott,

President of Circle in Chanute. After dinner we went to Memorial Hall where I had the pleasure to meet the members of Circles in Kansas, and over seventy members were present. At the close of a very enjoyable program, dainty refreshments were served by Sister Rash in honor of my Brother's birthday, good-byes were said and we left for Springfield, Mo.

Arrived in Springfield in ice and snow, and were met by Department President, Sister Amanda Hargis. Was entertained at the Colonial Hotel. Later in evening several members came in and a pleasant time was enjoyed. We were guests of Sister Culler, Department Secretary, at luncheon the next day, and I was privileged to attend the Circle meeting, where I met many members of our Order, and Sister Jeanette Dunford, Past Department President, was present to inspect the Circle. Had planned to stay over to attend a G. A. R. party the next day, when we learned of the death of Sister Clara Schniedeier, a member of Major McKinley Circle No. 18, and a sister of Past National President, Sister Mahar. Changing our plans, we left Springfield at 6:00 A. M. that we might reach St. Louis to be with our Sister Josephine in her hour of sorrow. Arrived in St. Louis at 1:00 P. M. where we met National Senior Vice-President, Sister Trigg, and Mr. and Mrs. Mahar, and had a quiet visit with them. After the services, we left St. Louis.

December 13—Arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana, in a blizzard. Was met at Harrison Hotel by Assistant National Corresponding Secretary, Sister Stammel, who was my hostess. Had the pleasure of meeting many members who had braved the storm to come to the hotel to see me. The storm still raged, so decided to stay over a day.

December 15th—Left Indianapolis in the rain with highways solid sheets of ice. Reached Wheeling, W. Va., after many trying hours of driving and went to home of Department President, Sister Zella Wurtzbacker, who was not expecting me that day on account of the terrible storm. After spending several hours with her and making many phone calls, found it would be impossible to get enough together as the members were afraid to come out. Wheeling being a city of hills, which were ice coated. I decided to leave for home, and arrived safe on the 17th at 6:00 P. M.

Was busy the next few days catching up with correspondence, preparing for the Holidays, and working on General Orders No. 2, which were issued under date of January 6th.

January 3rd—Attended my own Circle meeting and installed the officers.

Having received word to meet with the Commander-in-Chief Dr. Overton H. Mennet, and the heads of the Allied Organizations in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 20, to discuss plans for the National Encampment. I decided to stop over in Davenport, Iowa, and visit Department Headquarters. Left home by train on January 16th, and arrived in Davenport 10 o'clock Monday night. Was met at station by Sister Mabel Lynch, Department President, and seven other members. They escorted me to the Black Hawk Hotel, where I was the guest of the Department during my stay. The following morning it was a pleasure for me to receive several other members who called, and also enjoyed a call from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William A. Dyer, who was also a guest in Davenport. Several newspaper men called for an interview, and a group picture was taken. Later Mr. McGuinness, a son of one of the members called to take me on a sight-seeing trip in company with the Department President and

other members. I enjoyed this ride over the G. A. R. Memorial Highway to many points of interest, but especially the visit to Soldiers Home. At 1:00 o'clock a luncheon was tendered in my honor in the Lend A Hand Club. I was pleased to meet and address this fine body of women, and a delightful surprise was mine to meet Past National President, Sister Cary, and Sister Myrta Nichols, a member of Ways and Means Committee, who had come from Dubuque, also Dr. E. Richardson, Department President of Illinois, and several members from Illinois. I should like to dwell at length on the wonderful centerpiece of flowers and streamers for decoration and the likeness of your National President on place cards before us, all the handiwork of our good President, Sister Maud Heckler, President of Circle No. 24. In the afternoon a reception was held, and a splendid program was enjoyed, and I was privileged to address our members and friends. Was again a dinner guest in company with Sisters Cary, Nichols and Department Secretary, Dollie Claridge, and Sister Lynch.

The next morning at 6:35 Sister Lynch and I left for Des Moines. On arrival went at once to Fort Des Moines Hotel, where several of the Sisters met us and we were entertained at dinner. The next day the meeting of Allied Societies was called, and the Hotel Savory was assigned to us for our Headquarters. I appointed Sister Mabel Lynch, Department President, General Chairman of Arrangements, who in turn appointed Sisters Jennie Beymer and Bertha Hunt, Past Department Presidents, as Assistant Chairmen, and I am sure the members of this Convention will agree that these Sisters, with their Committee, have left nothing undone for our pleasure and comfort, and to make this a happy, successful affair. We realize the great amount of labor, thought and time involved in your work, and sincerely thank you.

It was necessary for me to leave Des Moines before the other members of the Official party that I might arrive in Washington, early on January 22nd. Went to the home of Department President, Sister Susie Owry, where I was made comfortable. In the afternoon attended the session of the Convention in the Washington Hotel. Sister Owry presided in a gracious manner, and I was privileged to install Sister Susanna Myers and her staff of officers the next evening at a public installation. Sister Edwina Trigg, National Senior Vice-President; Sister Kuhns, National Counselor; Sister Michener, Past National President; Sister Buhler and Sister Erwin were present.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Owry took Sister Marie Buhler, member of Ways and Means Committee, who was also a house guest, and me, for a delightful ride thru Maryland and Washington, D. C. A visit to the famous Lincoln Memorial was included.

On Monday morning my Headquarters were transferred to the Mayflower Hotel, where I met our Senior Vice-President, Sister Trigg, and we attended all sessions of the Women's National Patriotic Defense Conference. Later we were joined by our National Counselor, Sister Kuhns, National Patriotic Instructor, Sister Speckner, Past National President, Sister Michener, Sister Eva Erwin, Department President of Maine, and a member of Legislative Committee, Sister Buhler, of Ways and Means Committee, Past Department President, Sister Whitmore of West Virginia, and many members of Department of Potomac. Our full quota of delegates was filled. The mass meeting on Monday night was an inspiring sight and our National banner and flag were in evidence, being carried by two members of the Department of the Potomac. Was a luncheon guest, with all National Heads of other participating

Societies, of Mrs. Lourie Schertle, National President of the Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. All sessions of the Conference were highly interesting, and on Wednesday evening the banquet in the Mayflower Hotel was attended by 744 persons. Previous to the banquet I stood, with the other National Heads, in the receiving line, where the majority of these 744 persons passed and shook our hands. At the finish of Conference sessions I attended the Extension Committee composed of the Presidents of Fraternal Organizations, and had the honor to election of 2nd Vice-President, which honor goes to my successor in office, with the wish she may enjoy this conference next year to the fullest extent.

We also attended the dedication of the Julia Warde Howe tablet at the Williard Hotel, and I am sure every member is proud of this memorial, erected to the memory of one inspired to write such a splendid song.

January 27th—In company with all the Sisters mentioned in previous paragraph, who were visiting in Washington, and several members of the Department of the Potomac, we journeyed to Arlington Cemetery where the gold badge of our Order, presented to our National body by Past National President, Sister Michener, was placed in the case, with the aid of Sister Margaret Worrell, Chairman of Legislative Committee. A program of interest was arranged. A squadron of Soldiers and Bugler led the way to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the badge was presented to a Government Representative. We then marched to the amphitheatre, where I was privileged to place the badge in the case.

We went to the Raleigh Hotel for a luncheon arranged by Sister Emma Hayward, Past Department President, who was my hostess.

Arrived home Friday night and on Saturday afternoon attended the Reception to Commander-in-Chief. Comrade Overton Mennet, held in Post No. 2 Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. Here we met members of all the allied Orders. A pleasant afternoon was spent, and later a delicious dinner was served, more than four hundred being present.

January 31st—Went to New York where I again met Sister Trigg. Was the guest of the Past Presidents Association of New York at the Pennsylvania Hotel over night. In the afternoon met Comrade Mennett and other National Heads.

The Grand Army of the Republic and Affiliated Orders held a reception honoring our Commander-in-Chief, and we were privileged to extend our greetings. Following the reception a delicious dinner was served in the beautiful dining room of the Pennsylvania Hotel. A pleasant evening was spent with New York members, including National Junior Vice-President, Harriet Eaton, Past Department Presidents, Marie Buhler and Lillie Tompkins, and Isabel Worms, President of Lafayette Circle.

February 5th —My brother and I, accompanied by Sister Arada Doughty, National Corresponding Secretary, left home for Florida. Arrived at the very attractive and cozy home of our Past National President, Sarah J. Ehrmann, in Casadaga, on the afternoon of the 7th. While we were the guests of Sister and Brother Ehrmann everything possible was done for our comfort and entertainment. I had a wonderful pleasure in picking my first orange blossoms, and later a ride thru the Orange Groves was enjoyed, as well as the dance in evening. The next day a ride to De Land and Ponce

De Leon Springs, Historical Sugar Mill, was enjoyed, and after dinner we went to the University of Stetson and listened to Professor Eddy, who gave a splendid lecture. Next morning we left the hospitable home of Sister Ehrmann for Kissimmee, and arrived in time for the regular meeting of Sedgwick Circle. To say the least these members were surprised and delighted to have us with them. This Circle tho small in number is doing a wonderful Patriotic work, and is the only Organization in Kissimmee to take care of the Veterans Graves for Memorial Day. They are to be commended in their work. At the close of the meeting we left for St. Cloud, where we inquired if any Grand Army Women lived, and were directed to the home of Sister Laura M. Smith, who made us welcome.. I told Sister Smith I was anxious to meet some of the members, and with the assistance of my Brother using his car to take her to members homes, telephones not being plentiful. Sister Smith gathered fourteen members and 3 comrades at her home. Capt. Smith had been busy in meantime and later in the evening he invited all to the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. It was an extreme pleasure to meet these members and Comrades and talk to them about our Order. We were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Smith over night. At the Department Convention in April, which I was not privileged to attend, Sister Smith was elected Department President, and I feel sure the Department of Florida will continue to grow under her leadership. We are sorry not to be able to greet her here today.

Next morning we left for the Southern part of Florida, and on arriving in St. Petersburg found the Department President, Sister Crocker, ill, but Mr. Crocker met us, and reservations were secured. Hardly had we put our grips down when Sister Daisy Kruse, Past Department President, with Past Nat'l. President, Sister Josephine Mahar, called on us. The next day Sister Kruse gave a luncheon at Colony Inn, and I shared honors with Sister Lyda Manson, Past National President, who had come over from Cocoa, Florida, Sister Mahar, and Sister Arada Doughty, Sister Crocker, and Past Department Presidents, Department Officers and Circle President. After lunch Sister Kruse took us for a lovely ride to the Gulf and Pass-a Grille. A reception was held in the evening at the beautiful home of Sister Sorenson, and I had the pleasure to meet the Department Commander of Florida, Comrade Eldridge, who is 107 years of age, many of our Members, and representatives of the local units of Womens Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to United Spanish War Veterans, and American Legion. These organizations sent greetings and flowers. Next morning the Department President, Sister Crocker and Mr. Crocker took us to the Soldiers Home where we visited in the rooms. Was the guest of Sister Kruse in the afternoon, and after a delightful dinner was given by Sister Crocker at Colony Inn.

Arrived home on 20th, and attended to important mail, and the funeral of Past Department President of New Jersey, Sister Olive Bull, who was a member of my own Circle.

February 25th—Left for Chicago where on Saturday evening Feb. 26th, I shared honors with the Department President, Ethel Richardson, at the Annual Banquet and reception of the Past Presidents Association of Illinois and several Veterans, sisters and friends gathered at the Sherman Hotel to pay tribute to the National and Department Officers. Sister Martha Van Duzor, Past National President, as Chairman and Toast Master did honor to the occasion; it was an evening long to be remembered. Was a guest at the Sherman Hotel over night and the next day in company with

Sister Van Duzor and Sister Trigg went to the lovely home of Sister Pearl Cooke, Past National President where I enjoyed a short rest. Tuesday morning left for Madison, Wisconsin, and arrived at the home of National Patriotic Instructor, Sister Speckner. Later we were taken for dinner to the Park Hotel and spent an enjoyable evening with friends. The next day while a guest of Sister Alma and her good husband, attended to important mail and visited G. A. R. headquarters. Enjoyed a visit with Sister Marie Melzer, a Member of Membership Committee. In the evening Sister Speckner had open house, and I met several members and friends. Next morning we were on our way to Minnesota and were taken to the Nicollet Hotel by Department President, Sister Schilken, who stayed with us to see that we were comfortable. After dinner a delightful evening was spent in the company of Sister Mabel's Mother, Sister Veasy, Sister Patterson and Sister Price, all Past Department Presidents. Next day Sister Mabel took me to the Ladies of G. A. R. Home at Anoka, and altho a snow storm was raging I was greatly pleased to have this privilege. I visited the ladies in their rooms, and later they gathered in the reception room where it was a pleasure to speak to the guests of this wonderful Home. Minnesota is doing a wonderful work. On our return about thirty members met us at the Radisson Hotel, where a dinner was given in my honor. Was a guest of the Department while in Minnesota. Thus another bright page added to my book of memories. Early next morning was on our way to Des Moines where final arrangements for our Convention were completed.

Then to Omaha, Nebraska, where we were the guests of National Treasurer, Sister Ethelyn Smith. Sister Smith entertained at dinner to a number of the members the next day, and I was happy to meet these members. Sister Camilla Elliott was with us and gave several of her famous readings. Saying good-bye to our genial hostess, Sister Ethelyn, and the members, we left at 3 o'clock on our way to Ord, Nebraska. Arriving at the home of Department President, Sister Anna Halloway in evening, where I made my headquarters, was dinner guest of Sister Halloway at Hotel, and in evening we talked over matters of importance. Next morning Sister Mabel Way, Past Department President from Lincoln came to spend the time with us and later in the afternoon we were taken to the home of Sister Charlotte Clark, Past Department President, and Department Secretary who served a delicious dinner. There were sixteen present. From there we went to the Hall where a reception was held and I had the happy privilege of meeting members from five Circles. Left at 8:00 A. M. the following day and arrived in Salida, Colorado, on the afternoon of the 10th. At the Sherman Hotel, where I was a guest of the Department, spent evening in writing letters of importance. Was breakfast guest of Sister Snell, the Department President, and then enjoyed a drive thru the mountains and to the Fish Farm with the Members. On our return several members from Denver had arrived, a delicious dinner was served, and then an informal reception was held. I was glad to speak to the members on our Order in general. Refreshments were served. Bidding these new friends good-bye, moved on our way, and arrived in

California on March 14th. Stopped over night with friends in La Messa, and next morning we were on our way to San Diego where I stopped to call on Past National President, Sister Sawyer. Met Sister Mary Dimmock, Past President of Circle, who took me to Sister Sawyer's. After a few hours conference, and leaving our best wishes with Sister Sawyer, whom we had found ill, for a speedy recovery, we left for Los Angeles. Went at once to the home of Assistant National Patriotic Instructor, Sister Manus, where

the Department President, Sister Weatherbee, and Sister Parmelia Daugerty were awaiting us. Were taken to to Rosslyn Hotel where Department President, Sister Weatherbee stayed with me, and was the guest of Sister Mertie Perkins, Past National Secretary at dinner at a Spanish Cafe in Alvera Street, in company with Sister Effie Thrasher, Assistant National Press Correspondent, Sister Weatherbee and my Brother.

On Wednesday afternoon a reception was held in Patriotic Hall, where I was delighted to meet our Commander-in-Chief, and Adjutant General, Col. Martin, and Department Commander, Comrade John W. Grimes, members of our Order, and of other Patriotic Organizations. This lovely affair was in charge of Sister Mertie Perkins, and the Hall was well filled. I shall always remember the beautiful picture of thirty color bearers in white who led the way when I was escorted into the Hall. The Department presented me with a large arm bouquet of yellow roses, and Union Circle No. 19, Columbia Circle No. 24, Lawton No. 29, Lincoln No. 44, Lookout No. 63, Los Angeles No. 66 and Fort Sumpter No. 70, each presented me with lovely bouquets and baskets, one filled with lovely calla lilies. A splendid program was enjoyed by all, especially the songs by our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet, who favored with several selections. Many words of cordial welcome were extended. Following the reception I was guest of honor at a banquet at the Rosslyn. The next morning was guest at a breakfast by Appomattox Circle of West Los Angeles, in company with National Member of Council of Administration, Sister Schroeder, Department President, Sister Weatherbee, and my Brother. This was another splendid affair the Ladies getting up early to prepare hot biscuits and all the fixings. Twenty-six were present. From there we went to the Cottage Homes and I was happy to say a word of cheer to these dear ladies as we called at each home. Each Sister is happy and interested in something just a little different in her home. The Department of California and Nevada may well be proud of this work. The next visit was to Forrest Lawn Cemetery, the last resting place of our first National President, Sister Laura McNier Loud, my Mother's friend and my friend, from my State of New Jersey, the Mother State of our Order, and from my Circle, Wm. B. Hatch No. 2 of Camden. What a coincidence that while National President I was privileged to visit her last resting place and pay a tribute by leaving all the beautiful flowers which had been showered on me with words of greetings, welcome and love by the members of the State of her Adoption, Sunny California. Never will I forget this sacred visit. With the aid of Sisters Catherine and Mary, and Brother, we placed these emblems of love, and the entire plot was covered, the stately Calla lillis standing out in prominiance, As we wended our way from Forrest Lawn I was impressed with the thought "If for only this one privilege, I was more than repaid for the traveling of more than four thousand miles to be there".

A drive thru Beverly Hills and University of Los Angeles Campus and Hollywood finished the afternoon. Sister Catherine Schroeder entertained with a delightful dinner at the Rosslyn, other guests being Adjutant General, Col. Martin, Department President; Sister Weatherbee, and Sister Thrasher, and my Brother. Good-byes were said to these splendid members, and we were on our way to Utah Friday morning.

Had only traveled a short distance when we were sent on a 90 mile detour due to the washouts from flood waters.

Arrived in Salt Lake City Sunday the 20th at noon, and went to Newhouse Hotel where a room had been reserved for me. Shortly after, Sister Irene Patella, Department President, with Mrs. Wilson

and Mrs. Snell, Secretary to the G. A. R., came in. Then newspaper men started to call for an interview and to take photos. Mr. Wilson, who is a Past Department Commander of U. S. W. Veterans came to take us for a drive. In company with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Snell we went to Airport and the Great Salt Lake. A threatening snow storm then started in earnest, and soon everything was covered with white, and freezing so we were forced to go back to Hotel. Next morning was a breakfast guest of Sister Pattelo at her home, where I met her Mother, Sister Lillie Lockerbee, Department Secretary, came to take us to the Great Tabernacle, and we Stopped for Department Commander, Comrade Ira Storms, who was with us for rest of day, we enjoyed the organ recital, the lecture and visit thru the grounds. Our our return to Hotel were guests of honor at a lovely luncheon by the Department. Members of all the Circles in Utah were present, Dept. Commander, Comrade Storms, representatives from Womens Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans, A social hour and round table talks were enjoyed. Sister Lockerbee took us on another sightseeing trip when we enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Salt Lake City, Fort Douglas, thru the canyons and back to Hotel for dinner and a reception in evening. A splendid program was enjoyed. Many members and friends, and members of all Patriotic Orders were present, including three members of the Auxiliary of U. S. W. V.

Left morning of 22nd for Idaho, and was graciously received by Department President, Sister Essie Bybee at her home in Boise. Took care of my correspondence, and was her guest while in the city. In the afternoon a reception was given for me in G. A. R. Hall, and there were three comrades and members from three Circles present. Was pleased indeed to visit a few hours with these members, and to meet Sister Clara Burdell, Past National Registrar.

March 24th—Left for Weiser, Idaho, and arrived at the home of our Past National President, Sister Osborne, and received a cordial welcome from Sister Cassea, her husband and son Robert. Went at once to call on Comrade E. A. Paddock, the last Civil War Veteran left in that county. A delicious dinner was served on our return. Sister Ollie Smith, Past Department President, was also a guest. In the evening open house brought many members and friends, among them Mayor and Mrs. Cuilliam, Messrs. Ware and Staples and their wives, former publishers of the Bugle Call. I thoroughly enjoyed the pleasant evening. Left Weiser after lunch on 25th and stopped in Baker, Oregon. Spoke over telephone to the President of Baker Circle No. 32, and then called at Court House and spent a short time with Sister Mable Ragsdale, Past Department President, then on our way to Pendleton, where Sister Cassea had asked that we stop to call on Sister L. Brown. Past Department President, who had been severely injured in an automobile accident some time ago. I called at Sister Brown's home and found she was at the Hotel with some G. A. R. ladies. I found Sister Gertrude Dowling, Department President, with her, and also Sister Bessie Roe, Past Department President, Department Chaplain, Sister Nellie Cooper, and Sister Pearl Fine. These sisters had attended the inspection of a circle in Southern Oregon that day, and when I learned the Circle in Pendleton was to have inspection the next day, stayed over night, and was the guest of Sister Brown at a breakfast and luncheon party. Then attended the meeting of McPherson Circle in afternoon where I also met members of Mother Bickerdyke Circle No. 22 from Milton, who motored down to meet me. My next stop was in Portland, Oregon, to visit with Department. I went directly to Heathman Hotel, where a room had been reserved for me. Here we were greeted by many of the Department officers and Past Department Presidents. Later a

delicious dinner was enjoyed and an informal reception in the evening gave the opportunity to discuss plans and matters of interest to our Organization. On Monday a luncheon was given at the home of Department Counselor, Sister Bessie Roe, and Sister Cassie Fine, and we were honored by having the Department Commander, Comrade Theodore A Penland, with us. Sister Pearl Fine took us for a drive and many points of interest we enjoyed, but we especially enjoyed the visit to the Veterans Hospital where we visited in the rooms and spoke a word of cheer to those whom we met. Good-byes were said, and then we were on our way.

Seattle, Washington. Was met at Hotel by Department President, Sister Dove Krapp, and after taking a short rest was taken for a sightseeing trip and entertained at dinner. In the evening several Department Officers and Past Department Presidents came in to visit, and next morning a breakfast was enjoyed with six Past Department Presidents, Department President, Sister Krapp, Mr. Krapp and my Brother. Mr. and Mrs. Mead came later and took the Department President and me for a drive thru Fort Walton, Government locks, and many other points of interest. At one o'clock a beautifully appointed luncheon and reception was enjoyed at Pine Tree Inn, when we were honored by having the Department Commander and another Comrade with us. Plates were laid for seventy-eight, and ten Circles were represented. Next morning Mr. and Mrs. Mead again called to take us for a drive thru the beautiful daffodil farms and later to State Veterans Home, then to the Ladies of the G. A. R. Home at Pullyup, where a reception and luncheon was given in my honor, arranged by Sister Frances M. Haskell, who is Superintendent of the Home. Here it was my pleasure to meet several Past Department Presidents and Circle members who could not come to Seattle. A lovely program was enjoyed, and then we came to the time of saying Good-bye to these Sisters and left.

Spokane. Arrived at the hospitable home of National Assistant Patriotic Instructor, Sister May Masecar at 11 o'clock and inside of fifteen minutes was in the Logan School, where I had the honor to present to 7-A grade a lovely flag on behalf of Sister Masecar and Sister Katie Welch, Patriotic Instructor of Appomattox Circle. The pupils were delighted with the flag, and with the presence of the Comrade, Mr. L. B. Welch, 92 years of age, who accompanied us. A delicious dinner was served at the home of Sister Masecar, her charming daughter, Harriet, assisting. We were then taken to the Lincoln Monument where I placed a beautiful floral tribute to honor Abraham Lincoln. Open house was held in afternoon at Sister Masecar's, where many members and friends came to greet me. Later a lovely drive thru Spokane was enjoyed and a quiet evening as guest of Sister May was thoroughly enjoyed. It was while a guest at Sister Masecar's home on April 1st that I read in a daily Spokane paper of the death of our Past National President, Sister Annie M. Michener on March 31st. I immediately wired to National Junior Vice-President, Sister Harriet Eaton to represent National, send flowers, and convey sympathy to the family of our beloved Sister Michener.

Bright and early next morning we were on our way to Montana. Arrived in Missoula in afternoon of next day and were met at Palace Hotel by Department President, Sister Ada Johnson, Department Secretary; Sister Elizabeth Opitz, and the Circle President, Sister Jones. Next day Sister Johnson arranged a very attractive luncheon for one o'clock, and other guests were Past Department Presidents, Sister Bessie Allen of Great Falls, and Sister Belle Pears of Deer Lodge, and Department Secretary, Sister Opitz. A recep-

tion was held in afternoon at the home of Sister Johnson, and many members of our order, the Department President, Mrs. McGoldrich, of Womens Relief Corps, Department Commander of Spanish War Veterans, Fred Poe, and Mrs. Poe, who is President of Auxiliary to U. S. W. V., Mr. R. M. Jones, Comamnder of the Local Camp, and Mrs. Jones, and representatives from other Patriotic Orders were present. At 5:45 I gave a ten minute talk over Radio Station K. G. V. O., and from the radio station was taken to the Monte Marte where a delightful banquet was served, and among the other honored guests were Comrade J. L. Humble, the only surviving Civil War Veteran in Missoula, and the Department heads of all Patriotic organizations, Left early next morning, 4th of April, for Billings, Montana, and arrived at the home of Sister Mildred Hazelton, Past President of Circle, where we were house guests over night. In the evening seventeen members of the Circle came in, delicious refreshments were served, and a social hour enjoyed talking over the work of our Order.

Left Billings in the morning in a snow storm which grew worse, and at ten o'clock at night we found ourselves without any lights marooned in the Black Hills of South Dakota, seventeen miles from Rapid City. A young man, one of the finest I have ever met, who was staying alone as a caretaker in a Cabin, invited us to come in, which we were glad to do, and we sat around a wood heater all night. In the morning our car was deep in a snow drift, about eleven o'clock we attempted to get away. After many difficulties we were on the highway, and about a mile from the cabin we were again in a drift on a speed circle and were there three hours. Then with the assistance of three men and two highway trucks we were towed several miles out of the hills and arrived in Rapid City. My brother, desiring that I reach Chamberland, S. D., on time as nearly as possible started on our way even tho all radios were broadcasting "Highways not open". However we managed to get thru and arrived in Chamberland on the afternoon of the 6th. I was due there on the 5th, one day late, but on this one trip of more than ten thousand miles it was the first place I had been late in my appointments. After some trouble I located the Circle Secretary, Sister Mary Bailey, who made us very welcome. I had been writing the Circle President for more than two months of my intended visit, but never received a reply. However I decided to go there, and on my arrival in Chamberland learned that Mrs. Bartlett had died nearly a year ago and my mail had not been given to any of the Circle members. A room was reserved for me at Merchants Hotel, and we were dinner guests of Mrs. Drew, the Senior Vice-President. Mrs. Bailey called the members to her home in the evening, and I looked over their books and found they had not been holding meetings for over a year, but they are a group of good loyal sisters, and do the only Patriotic work done on Memorial Day. I tried to encourage them to elect new officers and go on with the splendid work they had been doing, which they promised to do. They feel they have had very little encouragement from the National, as in the 25 years they have been organized only three National Presidents have visited them—Sister Lillian Cary, who organized their Circle, Sister Josephine Mahar, and myself. I feel that the personal contact with these seven loyal members was of great importance to our Organization.

Left early the next morning in ice and snow for the East, and arrived in Dubuque, Iowa. Called on Sister Nichols member of National Ways and Means Committee. Sister Nichols phoned our Past National President, Sister Cary, who came over, and we had a delightful visit with Sister Nichols and her family, and Sister Lillian, with me, was guest over night. Next morning the President of the Circle, Mrs. Germain, came in to breakfast with us, and

soon after we were again on our way. Mrs. Germain, Mrs. Nichols, and her daughter, Wilma, and Sister Lillian taking us over the bridge to Illinois, and as we traveled east in Illinois, again ran into the snow drifts from the blizzard which had raged thru Illinois the previous day. Was only able to reach Niles, Mich, at 7 o'clock when had expected to arrive in the afternoon. Was met by Department President, Sister Genevieve Viets and Sister Hall. Had dinner at the Four Flags Hotel, and we then went home with Sister Hall and met members of two Circles. A social hour was enjoyed, talking of our Order in general. Delicious refreshments were served, and we were overnight guests of Sister Viets, where I met her Comrade Father who is 90 years of age. Left Sunday morning and arrived hom Monday night at 6 o'clock April 9th, too late for Rhode Island Convention, and missing one day of Massachusetts Convention.

April 12th.—Left by train at midnight for Boston, and arrived at Hotel just as Department President, Sister Balch and Department Officers were ready for breakfast—was invited to join the party, which also included National Registrar, Sister Theo Redfern, Sister Eva Ervin, Department President of Maine, and Sister Linnel, Assistant National Patriotic Instructor. Attended the morning session of Massachusetts Convention, was escorted in and saluted, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting this splendid body of women. Sister Balch presided very effectively. Later I spoke to them and installed the newly elected Officers, which was a great pleasure.

April 14th—Arrived in Concord, New Hampshire at 11 A. M. just after the Convention had been opened by Department President, Sister Edith Cole. I received a very cordial welcome, and while this Department is small in number, it is doing good work. I attended all their sessions, responded to the greetings of our Comander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet, and the greetings of the Womens Relief Corps. In the evening I was a guest at the banquet given by the Sons of Union Veterans at the Eagle Hotel. Addressed this gathering and extended greetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Later attended the Camp Fire in the State House, where I again had the pleasure of speaking. The next day I installed the officers of the Department, and tried to encourage them in their work. Was the guest of the Department during my stay in Concord. While attending the New Hampshire convention I received a telegram from the newly installed Department President, Sister Laura Chamberlain, of Rhode Island, inviting me to stop in Rhode Island on my way home. I wired answer I would be glad to come, and arrived in Providence where I was met by Sister Chamberlain and her husband, National Registrar, Sister Redfern and Department Counselor, Sister Lois Benvie. Was made to feel very welcome, and a lovely dinner was served. In the evening we attended the regular meeting of Jennie Bliss Circle No. 6 of Rhode Island, where it was my pleasure to meet all Department Officers, except one member of the Council of Administration, who was ill, and also members of five circles were present. This was a very interesting meeting and ably presided over by the President, a very young member who was not at all upset by a visit from the National President. I addressed this gathering, and expressed my appreciation of the invitation to visit with Rhode Island while I was in the East, and I again sincerely thank Sister Chamberlain for her thoughtfulness. I had sent a telegram to Sister Benvie from Dubuque, Iowa, stating that on account of the blizzards in the west I would not be able to reach Providence in time for their sessions, and appointed Sister Redfern as National Representative.

It is very unusual for a Department President to entertain her National President during her first week in office. At the close

of meeting, delicious refreshments were served. The next day Sister Chamberland and her good husband took me for a long ride to Narragansett Pier, and many other beautiful places. I was then driven to Sister Theo's home where I did justice to a delicious Saturday night New England Supper. While at Sister Theo's home we conferred on plans for the better protection of her records, and the same question regarding the trunk, which I think will be an impossibility to use again for record shipments, if we value them. The next day, Easter Sunday, I was driven to Providence by the Chamberlands, Sister Theo joining us, to take the train for home. I was the house guest of the Department President during my stay in Rhode Island.

May 2nd—Shared honors with the Department President, Sister Cline, Department and National Officers in a reception and dinner given in the Armory, tendered by Wm. B. Hatch Circle No. 2, of New Jersey. This was a lovely evening and the room was filled with many members from all parts of the State. Also had a number of Philadelphia sisters with us, among them Sister Maybelle Nissen, Past National Treasurer, Sisters Emma Sharkey and Mattie Sewell; Past Department Presidents of Pennsylvania. I addressed this gathering, and saying goodbye in the midst of the festivities, left with my Brother in the car to take the 11:03 train on my way to Oklahoma. Arrived in Oklahoma City 8:20 A. M. on the 4th and was met at the station by Mr. Glasyam, Son-in-Law of Sister Wilson, Department President, who took me to the interurban line that I might get a train for El Reno.

Arrived in El Reno at Southern Hotel, and was met by Sister Johnson, who rushed for a Taxi that we might reach the Masonic Temple in time for the opening of Convention. We arrived just in time to be escorted in for the opening, which was very impressive, and I again was made most welcome by these good Sisters of Oklahoma. Attended all the sessions which were ably presided over by Sister Wilson, Department President, and there were 125 delegates present. It was my pleasure to respond to the greetings from the other Allied Orders, and was a guest at the banquet given in Southern Hotel by all Allied Orders, and spoke at the Camp Fire. Was the guest of the Department during my stay in El Reno, and I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected Officers. Was the guest of Sister Laura Anderson that evening and enjoyed a delightful ride.

Left 6:30 the next morning for Thayer, Kansas, and was met at the station by our National Chaplain, Sister Rash and her son. Was driven to the home of Mrs. Joe Horr, a member of Thayer Circle who was entertaining her club. I was made welcome and enjoyed lunch with them. We then went to Sister Rash's home where I was a guest over night. Next morning left for Chanute, and went to home of Sister Kelly and was a luncheon guest. Mrs. Kelly accompanied me to Hall where M. O. Cartlidge Circle was to meet that afternoon, and later Sister Lucy Haines, Department President, and her daughter Gladys, Department Secretary, came in, and I enjoyed meeting these Sisters. Sister Alcott, the President, presided in a very efficient manner, and during the meeting I was asked to obligate Mr. Floyd Kelly as an honorary member. Was the guest of the Department President and Secretary over night and went with them the next day, Sunday, May 8th, to Topeka, where we registered at Jay Hawk Hotel, Department Headquarters, and I was pleased to visit with Past National President, Sister Margaret Grandle, and Assistant Patriotic Instructor, Sister Frances Rohrback. That evening attended Memorial Services for Grand Army of the Republic by Womens Relief Corps in Memorial Hall,

and Monday wrote letters and greeted members of our order. In evening was a guest at the banquet of Patriotic Federated Society, and at a joint reception I spoke and extended greetings. In morning attended the opening session and Memorial Service, which was in charge of our National Chaplain, Sister Rash, and which was very beautiful. I went with the members to the grave of Sister Mollie Hunter, Past Department President of Kansas, where a tree was planted and memorial services held. The sessions of the Department of Kansas were interesting and the reports of the officers very good, showing interest in their work, and much good work done. Sister Lucy Haines, Department President, presided in a very able manner. Later I spoke to this splendid body of women, Sister Rohrback responded, then little Donnie, grandson of Sister Haines sang the Kansas song to me. This was very touching from this dear little fellow, who is very talented. It was my pleasure to carry greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, and I was a guest at the Fathers and Mothers Banquet. Attended the Camp Fire that evening, and was compelled to leave before being introduced as I was to talk over the radio at 9:20 o'clock. Sister Lillian Johnson drove your National President and several other Sisters to Station WIBW, where I gave a ten minutes broadcast. Next morning was a guest at breakfast with Past Department Presidents Club. Sister Rash presided as President, and I was made an honorary member, and certainly appreciate this courtesy. Was a guest of the department during my stay in Topeka, and was sorry to have to leave before the election of officers.

May 11th—It was a pleasure for me to travel to St. Joseph, Missouri, with Sister Margaret Brady, National President of the Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans. We conferred on our work of the year, and had reached our destination before we realized. The members were not expecting me until Thursday morning, so there was no one to meet me, but Sister Brady's members insisted I go with them to the Robidoux Hotel where the Ladies of the G. A. R. were holding their sessions. I was presented to the Convention, and was accorded a royal welcome. Was happy to meet two of my National Officers, Sister Edwina Trigg, National Senior Vice-President, and Sister Josephine Mahar, Past National President and Junior Supervisor. The convention was intensely interesting, Sister Hargis presiding in a gracious manner. The exemplification of the Ritual work was splendid. I was a guest at the Mothers and Fathers Banquet, and spoke there and extended greetings. Was a guest at the Past Department Presidents Breakfast, and elected to honorary membership. Attended the sessions all day, addressed them and installed the newly elected officers, assisted by Sisters Trigg and Mahar. Sister Trigg drove Sister Mahar, Sister Dunford and me to her home in Kansas City where we were her guests. A fine dinner awaited us. Next morning we called on Past Department President, Sister Jessie P. Kent and her Mother, Sister Nichols, who had been quite ill, and after a lovely drive with Sister Trigg, were entertained at luncheon. Was then driven to depot, and I arrived home Sunday.

May 17th—Left for Connecticut. Stopped in Jersey City for a conference with my Secretary, Helen. Arrived in New Haven and drove to the Hotel Taft, where I was the guest of the Department. The Department Convention was presided over by Department President. Sister Eva Anderson, and the sessions were conducted in a businesslike manner. Election of officers was unanimous, and at three o'clock the meeting was closed to receive greetings from other Orders. Five Comrades, one 103 years of age, with the Department Heads of eight Orders, were admitted. Extended greetings, and presented gifts to the Department President. Your

National President responded to these greetings and installed the officers at public installation. Was a guest at a banquet and reception in the evening, where I again addressed them. Was glad of this opportunity to meet the Department Heads of Allied Societies, as The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Connecticut hold their convention at a different time than the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders.

Before leaving home, feeling that it would not be possible for me to return to the New England States a third time, I notified the Departments of Maine and Vermont that I would visit them.

Arriving at the hospitable home of Department President, Sister Eva Ervin in Maine, was made welcome and comfortable. Was given an opportunity to rest and write letters, and on Sunday After a delightful dinner party, Department President held open house, and many members of our Order, members of Womens Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans visited. Later a wonderful drive was enjoyed thru the Pines and Lake Seccury. After this delightful weekend at the quiet home of Sister Ervin, which is on Pettengill Shores, North Windham, where I met her charming daughter and son, (who are twins), and her husband, I left early Monday for Vermont, arriving in Essex Junction. Drove at once to the Lincoln Inn where a room had been reserved for me. The Department President, Sister Addie Stone, with Department Secretary, Treasurer and Patriotic Instructor came to Hotel, where a delightful dinner was given. Spent next day writing letters, and at 6:30 gave a 10 minute talk over Radio station WBX at Burlington, Vt. Later was honored at a reception given in Gen. O. O. Howard Circle No. 7 meeting hall. Members from the Circles in Burlington, Northfield Falls, South Barre and Essex Junction were present. While a small Department, much interest is shown in the work, and they are working harmoniously together. I spoke to them, stressing the importance of increasing their membership. Delicious refreshments were served, and while in Essex Junction was taken for a lovely ride thru Fort Ethan Allen and the hills of Vermont, then thru a Maple Sugar Factory. The Department Convention was held the 3rd week in June.

Arrived home on May 26th, where I was very busy the next few days with business of my office and writing letters.

On May 30th, Memorial Day, participated in services held at Soldiers Monument under auspices of the Patriotic Orders of Camden, and gave an address. At 4 o'clock in afternoon I gave a 10 minute talk over radio Station WCAM, Camden. My Sister Arada then drove me to Beverly, N. J., where we attended the dedication of National Cemetery. Sister then drove me to Glassboro, N. J., to call on Comrade Leonard Roray, Past Department Commander of New Jersey, who was confined to his bed.

June 6th—Started for Aurora, Illinois, to attend the Department Convention, where I was received and entertained very graciously by the Department President, Sister Ethel Richardson. Was a guest of honor with the Department President at the Past Department Presidents banquet, which was presided over by the President of Association, Sister Molter. Then attended the Camp Fire in the Armory where I had the pleasure of speaking. Attended all sessions during my stay, and the convention was very ably presided over by Sister Richardson. Also attended the joint reception in Armory with the Department President, where I delivered a short address. Was a guest at the breakfast given by Sister Richardson in honor of the Comrades, the Department Commander, Capt. John E. Andrew, and all Comrades attending the En-

campment. The Department Presidents of all Allied Societies and members of our Order were also present, numbering more than one hundred. Had the privilege to ride in the car with Sister Richardson in the parade. During my stay in Aurora I enjoyed the opportunity of a visit with my National Inspector, Sister Ramon, and Past National Presidents, Sister Martha Van Duzor and Sister Pearl Cooke. Went with Sister Richardson and several members when the Shrine of the U. S. Constitution was presented to the East High School in memory of Dr. Richardson's Mother. A splendid program was enjoyed. I was a guest of honor in Lehland Hotel on Wednesday evening. At the close of the business sessions had the honor to install the Department President, Sister Sarah Dahl and her staff of officers, assisted by Sisters Van Duzor and Cooke as Conductors. This was another splendid convention.

June 10th—Left Aurora, and in afternoon stopped at Niles, Michigan, at the home of Department President, Sister Genevieve Viets; had a few hours conference about our order and Michigan Department Convention, and then on our way again, and arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, and drove at once to the hospitable home of Department President, Sister Carrie North, where we were house guests over night. Was taken for a drive to Euclid Beach Park and Memorial Garden School Park, and then enjoyed a restful evening with Sister North.

June 12th—Arrived at Hotel Seneca, Rochester, New York, where I was greeted by Assistant National Secretary, Sister Gertrude Walbridge, who was Chairman of Convention Arrangements. Later the Department President, Sister Eva Goodwin, Department Secretary, Sister Grace Boles, and Department Treasurer, Sister Ada Collamer joined us, and I was a guest at dinner. Was happy to meet National Junior Vice-President, Sister Eaton, and Past National Presidents Sister Emily J. Thompkins and Sister Sarah J. Ehrmann, also Sister Marie Buhler, Member of Ways and Means Committee, Past Department Presidents and members of the Department. Shared honors with Sister Goodwin at the Past Department Presidents banquet and extended greetings. Attended the business meetings presided over by Sister Boles as President of the Association, of which I was elected an honorary member, which courtesy I appreciate very much. Attended the Council meeting of department that evening and spoke there. Attended the opening session on Tuesday morning, and Memorial Services. Responded to the greetings of the Comrades of the G. A. R., and escorted a Comrade to the altar to be obligated. I addressed this splended body of women on our work in general and expressed my regrets that I was compelled to leave at this time, and as the business sessions were just starting, apointed Sister Eaton as my representative. Good-byes were said, and we were on our way to Grand Rapids.

Travelling thru Canada to save mileage, we arrived at our destination in Canada at 1:30 in the morning only to learn that the last ferry boat had left at 11 o'clock. Was on the first boat in the morning, but learned that we could not reach Grand Rapids before noon, and as Department President, Sister Viets had advised me that her sessions would be over at noon on Wednesday, sent a telegram to Department of Michigan, stating it would be impossible for me to reach there in time.

Arrived in Kokomo, Indiana, and attended the last day session. Was greeted by Department President, Sister Josephine Glass, National Press Correspondent, Sister Stammel, and Past National President, Sister Manson. Attended the Camp Fire with Sister Glass,

and a lovely program was enjoyed by all, and it was a pleasure for me to address this wonderful gathering. Was sorry I missed the first day of convention, as most of the Delegates had left for home, but I am sure it was a pleasant and profitable convention. I accompanied Sister Glass to the Convention of Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars with greetings from our Order, and had the pleasure to again meet Mrs. Laurie Schertle, their National President. I had been the dinner guest of Mrs. Schertle while in Washington, D. C.

June 19th—Arrived in Columbus, Ohio, and was welcomed by Department President, Sister Carrie North, and her officers, and was graciously entertained by them at the Neil House during my stay, and I was a guest at luncheon. Attended open meeting in afternoon and later the meeting of the Patriotic Federated Society, and was a guest at their banquet and extended greetings. Was pleased to again have a few hours visit with Sister Brady, National President of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. Next morning was invited to meet with the Past Department Presidents Association, when I was again honored by being elected to honorary membership. It was a wonderful pleasure to meet with these sisters, and was a guest at a luncheon given by them at noon. Attended memorial services in afternoon and was privileged to place flowers in memory of our late Sister, Annie M. Michener. The ritualistic work was done in a creditable manner, and I then spoke to the sisters regarding our work in general. Was guest at a dinner given by the Allied Orders, and was pleased to meet our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet there. This was another convention I was forced to leave, much to my regret, while it was in session, but three States were convening at the same time, and it was necessary to leave for Pennsylvania.

Arrived at Washington, Pa., and attended their sessions on Tuesday. I was first greeted by Our National Counselor, Sister Frances Kuhns. The Department President, Sister Lillie Patterson, soon joined us, and I was very graciously entertained by Sister Patterson during my stay in Washington. It was an inspiration to sit in this Convention, more like a National one. The Officers reports showed much interest and good work accomplished. Nearly every Officer turned over a sum of money with their report for the different funds of the Department. It was a pleasure to address this splendid Department, and that evening I was a guest at the Past Presidents Banquet with Sister Kuhns as President of the Association. A wonderful social hour was enjoyed. I went with the Department President, Sister Patterson, to the joint reception to the Grand Army of the Republic. Next morning was a breakfast guest of Sister Kuhns, and after watching the parade, left at noon for

Atlantic City, New Jersey, to attend my own convention, the 37th one for me. It was a happy home coming and I was extended a cordial welcome by my friends of many years in this wonderful work we are banded together to perform. The members extended every courtesy possible, and have done all they could to help me in my work. Attended the Past Department Presidents banquet, which was presided over by my good friend Sister Nixon, as president. Responded to the greetings of the Allied Orders, and carried greetings to the Womens Relief Corps, and regretted to learn that on account of the death of the brother of the Department Commander, Comrade Wm. McCoy, the comrades had adjourned. I was happy to welcome Sister Margaret Brady, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and Sister Mary Manning, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, to my home State.

Arrived home from my last convention June 25th, and was very busy next few days with correspondence, and working on General Orders No. 4

June 1st went to Gettysburg where I attended the 75th anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg, and was happy to have the privilege to visit with many of our Comrades, especially our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Mennet, and Adjutant General, Colonel Martin, and also met our Past National President, Sister Ehrman, and many other members while there. What an inspiration to visit this historic, hallowed place on this occasion, with those who 75 years ago had engaged in mortal combat on these same fields, and today were meeting in a joint reunion. Across the green clad hills, as far as the eye could see, stood row after row of tan colored tents, housing the Blue on one side, the precious remnant of our Boys, and on the other those who wore the Gray, less than two thousand in all attending of all the mighty host who had engaged in the conflict, July 1st to 3rd, 1863. Now quiet and peaceful, the place with a million memories. Monuments, Memorials and Markers in bronze and marble stand as mute symbols of love and affection for those who made the supreme sacrifice, and as we pause at the shrine of the Eternal Light Peace Memorial, from the top of which will forever burn an eternal flame, a symbol of peace, unity and harmony, in behalf of the members of our Order, our thoughts and prayers are for renewed strength and courage in defense of the welfare of our Nation.

July 14th—Wilmington, Delaware. In company with Sister Oscyella Reilly, Assistant National Press Correspondent, motored to Wilmington to visit Charles Sumner Circle, but as the Charter had been left in the hall, they could not hold a Circle Meeting. Ten members were present at the home of Sister Thornton out of a membership of 13. This is a group of loyal members, two of whom I had met 24 years ago when I visited them to inspect the Circle. I tried to help them and instructed them in their work. Delicious refreshments were served, and I examined the books they had with them and found they had not been holding meetings, but their Per Capita Tax had been paid to date.

July 19th—Drove to Lambertsville, N. J., to attend the meeting of Major Angel Circle No. 45. Met many members here whom I had known for many years. After meeting a social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments served. We were the house guests of Sister Mabel Slack, Past Department Junior Vice-President. The next night, accompanied by Sister Slack, we went to Easton, Pa. Drove at once to the home of Sister May G. Porter, Past Department President of Pennsylvania, who invited us to go to the Hotel in Butzville, Pa., where the members of Leibert Circle No. 153 were giving a dinner and reception to Sister Margariette Ruch, Department Junior Vice-President of Pennsylvania. Sister Porter's son drove Sister Slack, Sister Porter and me to Butzville, where we looked in on the happy party, extended greetings from the National Body, and then rushed back to Sister Porter's home where a reception held in my honor by Lafayette Circle No. 192 had been arranged. There were 25 members present, and later Sister Catherine Williamson, Past Department President of Pennsylvania, and Sister Grace Pike, Member of Council of Administration from Chester, Pa., and Sister Ruch came over from Butzville. Also met members from Lynn Circle No. 106. This was another delightful evening. Refreshments were served and a musical program enjoyed. Was a guest of Sister Slack over night, and then Home next day.

July 31st—Sister Arada drove me to Home for Veterans and Wives at Philadelphia where members of Home Board, Sister Emma Sharkey, President, Sister Martha Swell, Secretary, and Sister Maybelle Nissen, Treasurer, and the Superintendent of Home, made us most welcome. Other guests were Sister Frances Kuhns, National Counselor; Sister Arada Doughty, National Corresponding Secretary, Sister Ila Mae Armstrong, Department President of Pennsylvania, and her Secretary, Sister Loretta Newmeyer. A delicious dinner was served and we attended divine services, after which a pleasant hour was spent visiting all the guests of the home in their rooms. All expressed themselves as being well pleased with the comforts they enjoyed at this home.

August 15th—Attended my own Circle meeting, where I bid the members farewell as their National President.

In making my report I have not mentioned that in each place I visited gifts had been presented to me, but it was my pleasure on all my visits to Departments, Department Conventions, Circles, Banquets and Receptions to be the recipient of many gifts. Many beautiful flowers, bouquets and baskets, were placed in rooms where I visited, and also many corsages to wear—for all these, I sincerely thank you.

The correspondence of this office has been heavy. I have written many thousand letters and cards, and have tried to be prompt in answering all communications. Have sent numbers of telegrams, and made long distance telephone calls for the interest of our Order.

Many invitations, too numerous to mention, for social functions in our Order and other Patriotic Orders have been declined with thanks.

On my visits to the members of our Order I have stressed the necessity of increasing our membership if we are to carry on our work, and not only increase our membership but interest the younger members by keeping them active in the work. In each state visited, I was assured of their taking in new members, and I trust at this convention the reports will show a substantial gain. Have also urged the support of the Bugle Call, our official paper, and such a wonderful help by keeping the members in contact with the different departments. BUT, if we are to continue the Bugle Call, we must make it self-supporting. Our Editor, Sister Wynnye Williamson, deserves much credit and the thanks of our entire membership for the efforts she has put forth. We could double our Subscription list if each member were a subscriber. If we had to do without our official paper we might appreciate what it means to us. Let us return to our homes with the thought in our minds—we will further its interests—it can be done.

In closing my report, I wish to thank the members of my official family, including appointed officers, for the wonderful assistance you have given this year. We are about to end a beautiful year of service together. As the time draws near to parting, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for your many kindnesses to me. No National President could have had a more efficient, capable or loyal set of Officers, and my memories of your faithfulness and friendships will be cherished for all time.

My sincere thanks are extended to those who represented me at Department Conventions which I could not attend on account of distance between localities and conflicting dates. A letter of greeting was sent to the Departments where no representative was sent.

To the Chairman of Arrangements Committee, Sister Mabel Lynch, her Assistants and Co-workers, words are inadequate to express to you the gratitude and thanks of the members of this convention and myself for all you have done for our pleasure and comfort.

"Many hours of service you've given everyone
And we are truly grateful for the work that you have done.
Faithfully and willing, you have stood all the way thru,
Our grateful thanks we now extend to every one of you."

To my Counselor, Sister Frances Kuhns and to every Past National President, I extend my deepest gratitude for your council and encouragements, and I say to you

"Dear Past National Presidents, of which we have quite a few,
For your kindly advice and assistance, I thank each one of you.
Very soon I will reach your ranks and by your side I'll stand
And proud I'll be, Past National Presidents, of an Order so grand."

To Ethelyn P. Smith, our Treasurer. It has been a pleasure to have this opportunity to know you better, which our year of service together has given me. You have made a splendid Treasurer this year, and I thank you for your help and encouragement, and trust our friendship may grow as the years go by.

To Helen M. Lehman, Past National President, and my Secretary.—To you, dear Helen, goes my heartfelt thanks. Always anticipating the requirements of your National President, I am indebted to you for faithful service through the year. Your good judgment and advice, your efficient work and cheerful spirit, have helped me along the way, and I find it difficult to express to you my gratitude and thanks. The friendship formed many years ago has been more firmly sealed. You've done so many things for me, I just can't enumerate them, and I want you to know, my friend that I appreciate them.

To my family—Sister and Brother, who were with me in the beginning and are here today. If my year has been a success I owe much of it to you. Each did their part in making my way easier. Sister looked after my office work at home while I was travelling from Coast to Coast and from North to South in the interest of our Order, forwarding my mail to me, sending telegrams of important business, and much more than I could tell.

"Thousands of miles we have traveled, Ruliff, you and I,
And never once have you complained about the miles or the sky.
For all your watchful care of me, and the care you've given to others,
My heart is full of gratitude to you, My dear faithful Brother."

To Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the National Heads of all allied Organiza-

tions, whose hearty co-operation has helped to make my efforts successful, I extend greetings and best wishes to each for a very happy and harmonious convention. I greatly appreciate all courtesies extended and have enjoyed the associations with these officers during the year.

As the scene of my administration draws to a close, I extend my sincere thanks to the members of this National Body for your confidence. I have tried to uphold the high standard of our Order, and have given to you my best service. As I give the emblem of authority into the hands of my successor, knowing full well that she, too, will receive from you the same measure of loyalty and co-operation that has been my pleasure to enjoy, I wish to leave with you this message:

The success of this wonderful Order depends upon each one of us, and let us not be unmindful of the important part which we play.

Let us forget self and measure our deeds by God's rule of Love,

Let us remember that in every human heart there are tender cords that vibrate to an act of kindness.

So let us be ready to extend a helping hand when opportunity offers.

With Sincerity and Service, let us start forward with a new desire to accomplish greater things in the coming year.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,

ORPHA M. WHITAKER
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We, your Committee on National President's report, find that our beloved President has accomplished wonderful work throughout her official year. She has discharged her duties with zeal, enthusiasm and patriotic ardor. Her private and public utterances have all been an inspiration to our Order, which acknowledges her as its leader. She has given the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic a new and higher meaning to those outside our gates, and to those within she has given the resolve to consecrate themselves anew to the great cause of patriotism. We extend our grateful thanks to our National President for her year of service.

Martha J. Van Duzor, Chairman

Josephine Mahar

Cora M. Rowling

Report of National Senior Vice-President

To ORPHA M. WHITAKER, National President, Officers and Members of the 52nd National Convention.

Dear Sisters:

One year ago, I was elected to serve our Order with you as the National Senior Vice-President.

Your travels have taken you to all Departments and Circles under National Jurisdiction, and into almost every state in our Union. This is a splendid record, and I feel sure it has meant much to those you have visited.

Last January we had the pleasure of having our Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, and his party with us for a few hours. When Miss Flood's message said that the party from California would spend a short while in Kansas City between trains enroute to Des Moines, it was felt that all patriotic organizations would enjoy this time with our Commander-in-Chief. The American Legion, through their City Central Committee, and their Distinguished Guest Committee asked to be allowed to take charge of the plans, and to make this a memorable occasion for our city.

At the breakfast given in the Pine Room at the Union Station besides Dr. Overton H. Mennet, Commander-in-Chief, Col. Russell C. Martin, Adjutant General, and Miss Katherine R. A. Flood, Secretary to the Grand Army, and our two comrades in the city who were able to be out, John Holilngsworth and William F. Shepherd, were Josephine Mahar, Past National President, St. Louis; Mrs. Howard C. Boone, Past National President, Mrs. R. B. Teachnor, State President, and Mrs. Arthur Schopper, National Treasurer, all of the American War Mothers; Fred Chambers, State Commander; E. E. Tom Thompson, City Central Committee Chairman, and Lowell R. Johnson, Distinguished Guest Chairman, all of the American Legion; General E. M. Stayton and Maj. T. J. Strickler, Missouri National Guards and American Legion; Representatives of the Women's Repief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R. Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans, and their Auxiliary, making a happy party breaking bread with those of all wars, and their helpers.

After a trip over the city with a Police Escort, our guests were taken to our new City Hall, where in the Council Chambers on the 24th Floor they were greeted by our Mayor, Bryce B. Smith, our City Manager, H. F. McElroy and the Press. A trip to our Liberty Memorial on Memorial Hill erected to honor all veterans of all wars, concluded the drive and our guests were returned to their train to be on their way to Des Moines to make plans for this convention.

I have accepted invitations to represent you when it was impossible for you to go, and stood ready to work with you and for you at all times for the best interest of our Order. All courtesies have been extended to me, and I am very appreciative. My love and best wishes are yours for a happy convention, and your health and peaceful hours, after you return to your home.

Sincerely,

EDWINA P. TRIGG

Nat. Senior Vice-President

Report of National Council of Administration

Des Moines, Iowa, September 6th, 1939

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-second National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

We, the members of the National Council of Administration, have audited the books of the National Secretary, National Treasurer, Editor of the Bugle Call and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the National Memorial Shrine Fund, beg to submit the following report.

RECEIPTS

Amount received from previous Administration	\$ 315.10
From sale of supplies	\$2,233.97
For Per Capita Tax	4,101.74
From Bugle Call	709.35
For Convention Memorial Fund	100.00
From chance books	209.00
Miscellaneous	45.15
 Total Receipts	 7,399.21
 Total amount of money received	 \$7,714.31

EXPENDITURES

General Expense	\$4,345.21
Supplies	1,025.07
Bugle Call	1,231.15
 Total Expenditures	 \$6,601.43
 Balance subject to Convention Expense	 \$1,112.88

BUGLE CALL

RECEIPTS

From Subscriptions	\$ 621.75
From Advertising	85.50
 Total Receipts	 \$ 707.25

EXPENDITURES

Parkersburg Post Office for 2nd class entrys	\$ 10.00
Parkersburg Post Office for advance postage	10.00
Re-setting Secretary's mailing list	4.50
Re-setting mailing list	66.00
Electrotype of Julia Ward Howard Tablet	10.90
Printing BugleCall	715.35
Salaries	408.13
Postage and Office Expense	82.56
 Total Expenditures	 \$1,307.44

MEMORIAL SHRINE FUND

Received from previous Administration	\$ 713.26
Received during year	36.54
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Total	\$ 749.80
Baby Bonds	3,000.00
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Total in Memorial Shrine	\$3,749.80

Received \$20.00 from Ways and Means Committee for sale of Copies of Julia Ward Howe Tablet.

We, the members of the National Council of Administration, wish to commend these National Officers on the excellent condition of their books.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

May Bisell Slattery, Chairman
Catherine G. Schroeder
Nora Koehler

Junior Vice-President Report

To Sister Orpha M. Whitaker, National President, Officers and Members of the 52nd Annual Convention.

Dear Sisters:

It has been a sincerely appreciated privilege to serve the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic as its National Junior Vice-President.

I have availed myself of every opportunity to foster patriotism and to bring enlightenment regarding the work and ideals to which we are obligated thru love of those men who defended our Flag, preserved our Constitution, and maintained our Union.

Sister Whitaker has honored me on several occasions by permitting me to represent her, and it made me especially happy to serve as National Representative at my own Department of New York Convention. I have been a guest at many civic and patriotic functions. My own Circle, Ewing No 10, tendered me a delightful dinner and reception. I attended the dinner at Camden, N. J., to honor our President, Sister Orpha. Everywhere I was graciously accorded the courtesies due my office and our Order.

As Chairman of the National Fund Committee, I sent out several thousand share books and a series of letters to each Department to assist the work of our National President. Two hundred and eighty-five dollars was earned by this project.

I have assisted in purchasing several flags for presentation and distributed 5000 flag leaflets.

It has been a pleasure to me and to my family to entertain Sister Whitaker and several other National officers.

The year has been a happy one and I am grateful to my Sisters for the opportunity given me to serve. I shall hope to continue to work in any manner required.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

HARRIET W. EATON
National Junior Vice-President

Report of National Secretary

To the National President, Orhpa M. Whitaker, Officers and Members of the 52nd Annual National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

Once again I am privileged to submit a report to the National Body, this time as your National Secretary, as required by the Rules and Regulations.

I wish to thank the Department Secretaries for their promptness in sending in their reports, which has enabled me to bring a complete report to you.

I have sent out four general orders and all necessary blanks, have issued receipts for Per Capita Tax received from Departments and Circles under National, have sent out many letters, and have done everything possible to lighten the labors of our National President.

We are proud and happy to announce the institution of the following circles and extend to them our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

NEW JERSEY

Jennie Wade Circle No. 55, Paterson, N. J. Organized by Department President, Henrietta Cline.

CALIFORNIA And NEVADA

Wilson R. Adams Circle No. 76, Ventura, Cal. Organized by Department President.

MICHIGAN

Carlisle-Hanley-Bunker Circle No. 48, Buchanan, Mich. Organized by Department President, Genievane N. Viets.

MISSOURI

Alice Cary Risley Circle No. 76, West Plains, Missouri. Organized by Department President, Amanda D. Hargis.

KENUCKY

Under National Jurisdiction

Col. Albert Scott Circle No. 2, Louisville, Kentucky. Organized by Department President.

Circles in Department	637
National	5
Junior	26
Total	668

MEMBERSHIP

Active in Departments	25,079
National	97
Juniors	475
Honorary—Veterans	577
Sons and Grandsons	4,013
Army Nurse	1
 Total	 30,242

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP IN DEPARTMENTS

	1937	Gain	Loss	1938
New Jersey	906	76	117	865
Pennsylvania	3,913	855	678	4,090
Cal. and Nevada	1,586	319	303	1,602
Illinois	1,689	114	193	1,610
Kansas	1,518	115	182	1,451
Ohio	1,766	129	213	1,682
Iowa	1,114	101	187	1,028
Oklahoma	310	46	31	325
Kentucky	275	—	—	275
Nebraska	462	19	52	429
Massachusetts	667	29	106	590
Minnesota	1,643	77	161	1,559
New York	1,507	97	179	1,425
Indiana	1,453	195	206	1,441
Colorado and Wyoming	386	39	31	394
Michigan	658	56	56	658
Wisconsin	916	63	95	884
West Virginia	665	42	27	680
Washington and Alaska	478	65	60	483
Missouri	1,099	87	138	1,048
Oregon	333	39	51	321
Connecticut	106	3	5	104
Maine	620	20	41	599
Rhode Island	230	18	14	234
Vermont	173	12	22	163
Montana	404	28	31	401
Idaho	145	43	24	164
Florida	138	8	28	118
Utah	164	5	19	150
New Hampshire	142	5	20	127
Potomac	181	7	9	179
 TOTAL	 25,647	 2,711	 3,279	 25,079

CIRCLES UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION

August Willick	23	3	1	25
General Stanley	42	—	3	39

	<i>Ladies of the G. A. R.</i>			97
Ransom	9	—	—	9
General Custer	13	—	2	11
Charles Sumner	13	—	—	13
TOTAL	100	3	6	97

DEPARTMENTS

Gross Loss	3,279
Gain	2,711
TOTAL	568

NATIONAL

Loss	6
Gain	3
GROSS LOSS	571

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on hand September, 1937	\$55,833.28
Receipts, 1937-1938	75,160.29
Total	\$130,993.57

Disbursements

Tax paid to Departments	\$12,522.19
Relief	14,438.32
Incidentals	46,386.64
G. A. R.	2,261.85
Soldiers Homes	344.46
Veterans and Wives Homes	3,958.68
Memorial	3,188.83
Patriotic	7,035.65
Extra Expenditures	4,096.88
Total	94,233.50
Balance on hand, June 30, 1938	\$ 36,760.07
Per Capita Tax paid to National	4,104.74

FUNDS ON HAND IN DEPARTMENTS AND CIRCLES UNDER NATIONAL, JUNE 30, 1938

Memorial Fund	\$ 373.74
Relief Fund	1,409.51
Special Fund	8,680.36
General Fund	26,296.46
Total	\$ 36,760.07
Relief other than Money,	
Estimated	\$ 47,434.46
Flags used in burial	334

To my family of Secretaries — I am deeply grateful to you for all the courtesies you have extended to me this year.

To the National Treasurer, Sister Ethelyn. Having filled the same office for three years, I know the great amount of work you have had to take care of. I congratulate you on your splendid work, and wish to thank you for your promptness in sending receipts, and also for the many beautiful letters which you have written to me.

To my National President, Sister Orpha. It has been a source of great pleasure to work with you and serve you this year. If I have in any way lightened your work, I will feel amply repaid. You have been kind, considerate and thoughtful of your Secretary, and I thank you for the confidence you reposed in me. No need to dwell on our many years of friendship, and if possible to strengthen this friendship, I feel our years work together has done so.

With my very best wishes to you for a happy and harmonious convention, and a successful year to my successor, I am,

Sincerely yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,

HELEN M. LEHMAN
NATIONAL SECRETARY

Committee on Secretary's Report

We, your committee on National Secretary's report, have carefully examined the same and find it very definite and complete. Our National Secretary has been most faithful and efficient, as shown by her report.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Cassea Hopper Orsburn
Ethyl Richardson
Myrtle Conway

Report of National Treasurer

Omaha, Sept. 3, 1938

To Orpha M. Whitaker, National President,
Officers and Members of the Fifty-Second National Convention,
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

My dear Sisters:

In accordance with our Rules and Regulations, I submit the following financial report for your approval.

Dept.	Supplies	Per Capita	Memorial	Shrine
Cal. & Nev.	\$ 166.18	\$ 255.80		
Colo. & Wyo.	45.07	61.80		
Conn.	4.68	16.92		
Florida	13.98	20.25		
Idaho	48.19	27.27		
Illinois	98.85	258.52	1.00	
Indiana	107.00	224.48		5.00
Iowa	62.90	171.92	13.00	5.00
Kansas	127.54	233.80	5.00	6.50
Kentucky		44.00		
Maine	57.12	96.48		2.00
Mass.	11.28	99.60		
Michigan	76.32	104.08		
Minn.	119.00	253.90		4.74
Missouri	85.87	168.92	10.00	
Montana	46.44	63.28		
Nebraska	38.10	69.48	3.00	
New Hampshire	8.64	27.34		
New Jersey	100.78	140.16	20.50	
New York	97.10	235.72		
Ohio	155.31	274.16	10.00	1.00
Oklahoma	33.81	50.92		
Oregon	74.53	49.64		
Penn.	372.52	672.48	21.00	
Dept. of Potomac	7.52	28.72	1.00	
Rhode Island	18.81	36.88		
Utah	15.60	24.40		5.00
Vermont	22.38	26.48		
Wash. & Alaska	92.85	79.48	7.00	4.00
West Virginia	33.45	107.56	3.50	
Wisconsin	78.70	141.32		6.80
	\$2,220.52	\$4,065.84	\$100.00	\$40.04

CIRCLES UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION

Dept.	Supplies	Per Capita	Memorial	Shrine
Gen. Custer		4.40		
Gen. Stanley	1.10		14.40	
Chas. Sumner			5.20	
August Willick	12.35		10.10	
Ranson Circle			1.80	
	—	—	—	—
	\$2,233.97		\$4,101.74	
			\$100.00	
				\$40.04

WARRANTS**October****No.**

1—Orpha M. Whitaker, Sept. Expense	\$ 4.45
2—Ethelyn Smith, Express	4.00
3—Helen Lehman, Express on Trunk	10.30
4—Wynnye Williamson, Sept. Salary	22.13
5—Ethelyn Smith, Sept. Salary	22.13
6—Helen Lehman, Sept. Salary	22.13
7—Helen Lehman, Sept. Office Expense	6.60
8—Orpha M. Whitaker, Express on Proceedings	2.23
9—Omaha Printing Co., Receipt Books	70.00
10—Ethelyn Smith, Office Expense, Sept.	5.72
11—Wynnye Williamson, Express Bugle Call	9.04
12—Frank Lazarus, Letter Heads & Envelopes ..	58.00
13—Fraternal Printing Co. Envelopes & Note Heads	15.00
14—Orpha M. Whitaker, Traveling Expense	150.00
15—American Surety Co. Bonds for Sec'y. Treas. & Bugle Call	17.50
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	\$419.23

November

16—Frank Lazarus, Inc., Gen'l. Orders Inspection Blanks	79.00
17—Jos. K. Davisons Sons, Badges	100.00
18—Chas. A. Winship & Co., Tiny Gold Stars	9.00
19—Helen Lehman, Express	13.65
20—Wynnye Williamson, Oct. Salary	35.00
21—Ethelyn Smith, Oct. Salary	35.00
22—Helen Lehman, Oct. Salary	35.00
23—Helen Lehman, Oct. Office Expense	18.76
24—Orpha M. Whitaker, Oct. Office Expense	19.85
25—Ethelyn Smith, Oct. Office Expense	12.72
26—Frank Lazarus, Circle & Dept. Reports	81.75

27—Wynnye Williamson, Postage	10.00
28—Wynnye Williamson, Advance Postage	10.00
28—Wynnye Williamson, Sept., Oct. Office Expense	8.29
30—Scholl Bros., Preparing B. C. Mailing List	66.00
	\$534.02

December

31—Scholl Bros., Oct. Bugle Call	60.00
32—Susie Owry, Wreath for Unknown Soldier Tomb	3.50
33—Fraternal Printing, Record of Eligibility sheets	21.00
34—Scholl Bros., Bugle Call, Nov.	60.00
35—Ethelyn Smith, Salary, November	35.00
36—Wynnye Williamson, Salary, Nov.	35.00
37—Helen Lehman, Salary, Nov.	35.00
38—Helen Lehman, Office Expense, Nov.	21.60
39—Ethelyn Smith, Office Expense, Nov.	14.68
40—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	55.00
41—Orpha Whitaker, Office Exp., Nov.,	20.55
42—Frank Lazarus, Rosters, Election Blanks	166.25
43—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	55.50
44—Omaha Printing Co., Envelopes	4.25
45—Orpha Whitaker, Traveling Expense	200.00
	\$787.33

January

46—Wynnye Williamson, Office Exp., Nov.	6.71
47—Jos. K. Davison's Son, Badges	100.00
48—Ethelyn Smith, Salary, Dec.	35.00
49—Wynnye Williamson, Salary, Dec.	35.00
50—Helen Lehman, Salary, Dec.	35.00
51—Orpha Whitaker, Office Expense, Dec.	18.92
52—Helen Lehman, Office Expense	26.30
53—Nat'l. Defense Assn., Dues	50.00
54—Scholl Printing, Bugle Call, Dec.	62.56
55—Ethelyn Smith, Office Expense, Dec.	19.77
56—Theo Redfern, Postage	2.43
57—Chas A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	76.00
58—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	70.00
59—Chas A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	13.10
60—Wynnye Williamson, Office Expense, Dec.	7.07
61—Frank Lazarus, Cred. & Report Blanks	76.00
	\$633.86

February

62—Frank Lazarus, Gen'l. Orders Spec. Letters	74.50
63—Clara N. Sawyer, Shrine Postage	15.00
64—Margaret Worrell, Shrine Postage	15.00

65—Ethelyn Smith, Salary, Jan.	35.00
66—Wynnye Williamson, Salary, Jan.	35.00
67—Helen Lehman, Salary, Jan.	35.00
68—Orpha Whitaker, Office Expense	18.90
69—Helen Lehman, Office Expense	30.26
70—Orpha Whitaker, Expense to Des Moines, And Washington, D. C.	150.00
71—Ethelyn Smith, Express	3.80
72—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	33.70
73—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	13.20
74—Fraternal Prtg., Envelopes	6.00
75—Jos. K. Davison's, Badges and Pendants	30.84
76—Jos. K. Davison's, Ribbon & Pendants	15.04
77—Ethelyn Smith, Office Expense, Jan.	15.29
78—Scholl Bros., Bugle Call, Jan.	60.00
79—Orpha Whitaker, Wreath to Unknown Soldier's Tomb, Wash., D. C.	5.00
80—Wynnye Williamson, Jan Office Expense	7.32
81—Orpha Whitaker, Traveling Expense	200.00
	\$798.85

March

82—Chas. Winship Co., Gold Pins	22.00
83—Le Grande Prtg. Co., Chance Books	35.00
84—Ethelyn Smith, Salary, Feb.	35.00
85—Wynnye Williamson Salary, Feb.	35.00
86—Helen Lehman, Salary, Feb.	35.00
87—Helen Lehman, Expense, Feb.	15.85
88—Scholl Bros., Bugle Call, Feb.	70.90
89—Ethelyn Smith, Expense, Feb.	24.78
90—Jos. K. Davison, Badges	7.70
91—Chas. A. Winship, Gold Pins	31.50
	\$312.73

April

92—Sarah J. Ehrman Postage for Shrine	10.00
93—Ethelyn Smith, March Salary	35.00
94—Wynnye Williamson, March Salary	35.00
95—Helen Lehman, March Salary	35.00
96—Helen Lehman, March Office Expense	21.15
97—Orpha Whitaker, Traveling Expense	300.00
98—R. B. Jones & Son, Bond, E. Trigg	5.00
99—Scholl Bros., March Bugle Call	80.00
100—Omaha Prtg. Co., Envelopes	2.40
101—Ethelyn Smith, March Office Expense	21.79
	\$545.34

May

102—Helen Lehman, Spray for Anna Michener ..	10.00
103—Orpha M. Whitaker, Feb. Office Expense ..	18.65
104—Liberty Prtg. House, Gen'l. Orders & Blanks	78.50
105—Ethelyn Smith, April Salary	35.00
106—Wynnye Williamson, April Salary	35.00
107—Helen Lehman, April Salary	35.00
108—Orpha Whitaker, March Expense	17.25
109—Helen Lehman, April Expense	28.40
110—Wynnye Williamson March Expense	9.54
111—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pin50
112—Jos. K. Davison Sons, Pendants	5.12
113—Ethelyn Smith, April Office Expense	18.17
114—Orpha Whitaker, Traveling Expense	150.00
115—Jos. K. Davison Sons, Bronze Badges	75.00
116—Jos. K. Davison Sons, Bronze Badges	75.00

\$591.13

June

117—Jno Crawford Park, 1937 Proceedings	618.50
118—Scholl Printing Co. April Bugle Call	60.00
119—Scholl Printing Co., 200 Extra Copies	10.00
120—Scholl Printing Co., Setting changes On Mailing List	4.50
121—Jno Crawford Park. Parcel Post & Exp. On 1937 Proceedings	45.68
122—Ethelyn Smith, May Salary	35.00
123—Wynnye Wililamson, May Salary	35.00
124—Helen Lehman, May Salary	35.00
125—Helen Lehman, May Expense	22.91
126—Scholl Printing Co., May Bugle Call	65.70
127—Jos. K. Davison, Ribbon	7.08
128—Orpha Whitaker, April Office Expense	15.35
129—Wynnye Williamson, April Office Expense ..	7.57
130—R. A. Guymon Printing Co., Letters	11.25
131—Ethelyn Smith, May Office Expense	25.37
132—Wynnye Williamson, May Office Expense ..	6.94
133—J. K. Davison Sons, Badges	30.00

\$1,035.85

July

134—Ethelyn Smith, June Salary	35.00
135—Wynnye Williamson, June Salary	35.00
136—Helen Lehman, June Salary	35.00
137—Helen Lehman, June Office Expense	18.90
138—Orpha Whitaker May Office Expense	15.65
139—Ethelyn Smith, June Office Expense	20.31

140—Scholl Printing Co., June Bugle Call	65.70
141—Fraternal Printing Co., Receipt Books	4.00
142—May B. Slattery, Mailing Proceedings	14.42
143—Jos. K. Davison, Bronze Badges	30.00
144—Jos. K. Davison, Pendants & Pres. Badges ..	5.49
145—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	11.40
146—Jos. K. Davison, Bronze Badges	15.00
147—Liberty Prtg. House, Gen'l. Order	43.75

August

148—Jos. K. Davison Bronze Badges	6.30
149—Wynnye Williamson, Office Expense	6.41
150—Scholl Bros., July Bugle Call	65.70
151—Orpha Whitaker, June Expense	16.50
152—Mabel Lynch, Chairman of Arrangements ..	50.00
153—Ethelyn Smith, July Salary	35.00
154—Wynnye Williamson, July Salary	35.00
155—Helen Lehman, July Salary	35.00
156—Helen Lehman, July Expense	15.46
157—Jos. K. Davison, Bronze Badges	7.65
158—Jos. K. Davison, Bronze Badges	11.12
159—Ethelyn Smith, July Office Expense	19.06
160—Chas. A. Winship Co., Pioneer Pins	5.00
161—Chas. A. Winship Co., 1 Gold Star & Bar	2.20
162—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pin50
163—Theo Redfern, Postage	2.53
164—Standard Flag Mfg. Co., Flags for Presentation	46.50
165—Orpha Whitaker, July Office Expense	15.90
166—Wynnye Williamson, Office Expense	11.14
167—Orpha Whitaker, Lettering Ribbon for Flag	5.28
168—Orpha Whitaker, Presidents Jewel	35.00
169—Ethelyn Smith, August Salary	35.00
170—Wynnye Williamson August Salary	35.00
171—Helen Lehman, August Salary	35.00
172—EE See Co., Memorial Flags	2.10
173—Mary J. Love, Federation Dues	10.00
146—Jos. K. Davison, Additional on Check41

\$544.76

\$6,552.72**RECAPITULATION**

Turned over Sept 1937	\$ 315.10
Received from Sale of Supplies	\$2,233.97
Received from Per Capita Tax	4,101.74
Received from Bugle Call	709.35
Received for Nat'l. Convention Memorial	100.00

Received from Chance Books	209.00	
Check Exchange15	
Refund from Memorial Shrine	45.00	

		\$7,399.21

		\$7,714.31

Disbursements

Warrants No. 1 to 173 inclusive	\$6,552.72	
Bank tax on checks	12.66	
Check Exchange	36.05	

		.. 6,601.43

Balance on hand subject to Convention Expense ..	\$1,112.88	

NATIONAL SHRINE FUND

Balance Sept., 1937	\$3,744.02	
Received during year	\$ 40.04	
Interest	5.00	
Received from Col. J. M. Howard Circle No. 60 San Diego, Cal.	5.00	

		50.04

Less Postage & Expense	\$3,794.06	
		45.00

		\$3,749.06
U. S. Government Baby Bonds	\$3,000.00	
Nos. M404985, M404986, M404987		
M404988, Series C.		
On Deposit in Omaha Nat'l. Bank Svgs. Dept.	744.06	
Cash on hand	5.00	

		\$3,749.06

HOWE MEMORIAL FUND

Received at Convention 1937	\$ 65.00	
Pledges paid during year	199.00	
		\$ 264.00
Turned over to Frances Kuhns, Chairman	\$ 264.00	

ADDENDUM RECEIPTS

Balance in Hand subject to Convention Expense	\$1,112.88	
Received for Nat'l. Memorial	\$ 3.00	

Received from sale of supplies	30.77
Received from Chance Books	75.50
Received form Registration	230.00
Received from Bugle Call Subscriptions	55.15
Received from sale of Howe Tablet Pictures ..	20.00
Exhange05
	\$ 414.47
Borrowed from Special Fund	600.00
Borrowed	500.00
	\$1,100.00
Total Receipts	\$2,627.35
Addendum Warrants No. 174 to 223	\$2,320.96
Tax on Checks	1.59
	\$2,322.55
Balance turned over to new administration	\$ 304.80

MEMORIAL SHRINE

Balance on Hand	\$3,749.06
Received at Convention	13.00
	\$3,762.06
Borrowed for Gen. Fund to be repaid with interest at 2%	600.00
	\$3,162.06
Balance on hand	\$3,162.06
U. S. Bonds, Nos. M404985-6-7-8	\$3,000.00
On Deposit Omaha Natt'l. Savings Dept.	162.06
	\$3,162.06

ADDENDUM DISBURSEMENTS

No.

174—Helen Lehman, Office Expense, Aug.	\$ 18.23
175—Ethelyn Smith, Office Expense, Aug	9.82
176—Orpha Whitaker, Office Expense	16.81
177—Jos. K. Davisons Sons, Badges	25.84
178—Carrie Sheriff, P N P, Meals	15.00
179—Clara Sawyer,P N P, Meals	15.00
180—Lillian Cary, P N P, Meals	15.00
181—Martha Van Duzor P N P, Meals	15.00

182—Lida Manson P N P. Meals	15.00
183—Cassea Orsborn, P N P ,Meals	15.00
184—Cora Rowling, P N P. Meals	15.00
185—Margaret Grandle P N P, Meals	15.00
186—Josephine Mahar P N P. Meals	15.00
187—Sarah J. Ehrman P N P. Meals	15.00
188—Pearl Cooke, P N P, Meals	15.00
189—Edwina Trigg, Sr. Vice Pres., Meals	15.00
190—Hariett, Eaton, Jr. Vice Pres.. Meals	15.00
191—Helen Lehman, Express on Trunk	3.25
192—Helen Lehman, Compiling Proceedings ..	25.00
193—Helen Lehman, Sept. Expense	3.50
194—Iowa Monument Co., Memorial Bench	102.00
195—Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Flowers for Memorial ..	4.01
196—Orpha Whitaker, Nat'l. Pres. R. R. Fare & Expense	115.21
197—Helen Lehman, Nat'l. Sec'y., R. R. Fare & Expense	109.75
198—Ethelyn Smith, Nat'l. Treas. R. R. Fare & Expense	20.25
199—Eunice Rash, Nat'l. Chaplain R. R. Fare & Expense	25.00
200—Alma Sprechner Pat, Instructor R. R. Fare & Meals	34.20
201—Theo Redfern, Registrar R. R. Fare & Meals	99.24
202—Frances Kuhns, Counselor R. R. Fare & Meals	82.96
203—May Slattery C of A R. R. Fare & Meals	82.96
204—Catherine Schroeder C of A R. R. Fare & Meals	92.25
205—Nora Koehler C of A. R. R. Fare & Meals	58.50
206—Wynnye Williamson, Editor B. C. R. R. Fare & Meals	59.58
207—Wilma Raman, Inspector R. R. Fare & Meals	38.40
208—Gertrude Walbridge, Asst. Sec'y.	25.00
209—Marie Harkins, Soloist	15.00
210—Myra Montros, Pianist	15.00
211—Ethelyn Smith, Sept. Salary	11.66
212—Wynnye Williamson, Sept Salary	11.66
213—Helen Lehman, Sept. Salary	11.66
214—Wynnye Williamson, Aug. Expense	9.57
215—Wilma Raman, Inspector, Postage	29.75
216—Mabel Lynch, Lincoln Picture	6.08
217—Dr. Overton H. Mennet, Com.-in-Chief Donation to the Grand Army	500.00
218—Orpha Whitaker, Janitor, Bell Hops	20.00
219—Hotel Savery, Rooms	356.56
220—Adams Circle No. 56.	

Prize for largest gain in Membership	5.00
221—Scholl Printing Co., Bugle Call, Aug.	65.75
222—Jos. K. Davison Sons, Badges	7.51
223—Chas. A. Winship Co., Gold Pins	9.00

	\$2,320.96

To my National President Orpha Whitaker I appreciate your consideration at all times and I know that this year together has given us both an opportunity to know each other better and I trust that our friendship will continue through the years.

To National Secretary Helen Lehman, your promptness and efficiency have made my work easier and I am glad that we have grown to know each other and you have been ever ready to help.

To Wynnye Williamson, Editor of the Bugle Call, our work together dates back farther and I had the pleasure of working with you when you were National Terasurer and I was Treasurer for my Dept, and today you are the same smiling helpful friend I came to know in our work together.

To the National Body I give my thanks for the privilege you gave me of working with these fine Sisters and there are no words to tell of the help and encouragement my family of Dept. Treasurers have been to me. I wish that you might all be here today that I might thank you all personally.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. and L.,

ETHELYN P. SMITH

National Treasurer

INVENTORY OF STOCK

	On Hand	Bought	Sold	Left	Value
Badges, Membership	686	1,060	1,746	—	\$
Badges, Jr.	155	—	27	128	38.40
Badges, Officers	139	100	88	151	67.95
Bars, Bronze	471	—	29	442	132.60
Blanks, Application	7,371	—	3,900	3,471	117.00
Books, Dept. Order	3	—	—	3	1.20
Books, Circle Proposition	19	—	19	—	—
Books, Dept. Proposition	11	—	1	10	9.00
Books, Warant	501	—	198	303	121.20
Books, Receipts	26	500	265	261	107.20
Cards, American Creed	778	—	126	652	32.60
Cards, Hon. Discharge	892	—	235	657	13.14
Cards, Key	333	—	32	301	6.02
Cards, Comrade	362	—	22	340	6.80
Cards, Son of Veteran	630	—	—	630	18.90
Cards, Transfer	264	—	85	179	3.58
Cards, Visiting	406	—	131	275	13.75

Cards, Ode with Music	57	—	37	20	5.00
Cards, Ode & Officers	2,962	—	112	2,850	427.50
Charters	190	—	8	182	182.00
Charters, Jr.	83	—	4	79	79.00
Electrotypes	48	—	14	34	37.40
Flags, Memorial	48	6	54	—	—
History of Order	210	—	14	196	25.48
Pendants, Bronze	827	152	413	566	84.90
Pendants, Silver	324	67	149	242	84.90
Pendatns, Gold	297	—	18	279	83.70
Ribbon, Officers	5 yd 6"	30 yd	26½	9 2-3	9.67
Ribbon, Flag	478 yd	—	16½	461½	391.00
Rituals, Jr.	528	—	296	432	—
Rituals	586	—	586	—	—
Rules & Regulations	4,076	—	1,276	2,800	336.00
Stars, Bronze	24	—	18	6	3.60
Gold Pins Asst.	97	219	268	48	130.00
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\$2,569.49					

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT

We, the members of the Committee on Treasurer's report, have performed our duty, and find the report to be very concise in arrangement, fully setting forth the work of her office for the year, and receives our most hearty approval for her care and intelligent presentation of her work.

Clara N. Sawyer, Chairman
Amanda Hargis ..
Bessie Hart ..

Report of National Chaplain ..

Thayer, Kansas, September 3, 1938

Sister Orpha M. Whitaker, National President and Members of the Fifty-second National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

It is with a grateful heart I thank you for the honor conferred upon my native state, Kansas, my circle and myself, when you elected me to this sacred office. I appreciate serving our beloved Order in this capacity more than you will ever know and I pray that our labors will receive the commendation of our Heavenly Father.

The close association with my national president, my family of chaplains and my sisters in general has brightened my laboring hours.

Today I bring to you a report of my stewardship.

The goal I sought for circle and department chaplains as well as for myself was a 100% observance of Memorial Day and a 100% Report of that observance. Today my joy knows no bounds for I have reached that goal but I must still give myself to its accomplishment by another for I would that every chaplain from circle to national, reach this goal. Departments reporting 100%: Kansas, Montana, Rhode Island, Potomac, Idaho, Utah, New Hampshire and all Circles under National.

I do not believe one can over emphasize the importance of keeping Memorial Day. It is a voluntary service, having its beginning in the hearts of the people. May it never be said of "The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic" that we are indifferent and negligent in the keeping of Memorial Day nor in sending in REPORTS of our observance.

Upon request of our national president, I prepared the Memorial Day letter.

I was asked to deliver the Memorial dedicatory address for the newly erected Flag pole at entrance to Thayer cemetery, which I did.

I have tried to take the ministry of this sacred office to our "Boys in Blue" and al our sisterhood in sororw or distress.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of these my children, even the least, ye did it unto me."

Death Angel has entered our homes and swiftly taken from us our honored heroes and beloved sisters. On memories scroll their are 376 names but many of their names I do not know, but the Heavenly Father knows for their names are written in His Lamb's Book of Life.

The loving tender sympathy of our entire sisterhood is extended to all bereaved.

My statistical report is as follows:

Number of Circles strew flowers on water	253
Number of Members who attended services on Memorial Sabbath	5,863
Number of Members attended Memorial Services in Circle Room	3,776
Number of Sisters passed away during the year	588
Number of Honorary Members passed away during the year	282
Number of graves of Sisters visited and decorated	6,572
Number of Honorary Members graves decorated	8,349
Amount of money expended for flowers	\$ 597.00
Amount donated	1,587.80
Number of cut flowers	472
Number of Emblems	538
Refreshments were provided for Members of Post and Friends	916
Number of children who took part on Memorial Day	60,561
Number of flags used on Memorial Day	87,415
Number of Mounds and Monuments erected in memory of unknown dead	8
Number of Boy Scout Troops taking part Memorial Day	184

Especially do I thank the departments that sent me General Orders; my chaplains for their reports and those that sent Memorial Day programs; all sisters for the many courtesies extended to me; sisters Bertha Hunt, Mabel Lynch and all who assisted in our Memorial Hour; Sister Wynnye for her wonderful help; sister Cassea, who entrusted to my keeping for the year, this lovely Rose Houghton national chaplain badge. There is a beautiful story connected with this badge, which has been worn by sister Rose, sister Cassea, sister Anna E. McGrath, sister Laura Critchfield, the garments of whom, I do not feel so much as worthy to touch but oh! the inspiration it has given me to seek to be worthy!

If my humble service has brought some joy to a sorrowing heart; lifted another's load; lessened the anguish of suffering caused our sister chaplains to take a far perspective of the need and beauty of this Memorial work, that signally belongs to our beloved Order and if any contribution of mine can make the way brighter for those who come after me, I shall feel my work has not been in vain.

"If there be power in good intentions, in fidelity and toil, the north wind shall be purer, and the stars in Heaven will glow and kindler beam that I have lived."

In loving service for our beloved Order,

EUNICE RASH,

National Chaplain

Report of Patriotic Instructor

To the National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-second National Encampment, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

I hereby submit my report as your National Patriotic Instructor. At this time I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for the honor I received in being elected to this very important office.

I entered upon my duties fully realizing the great responsibility the office carries with it. I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to, owing to the condition of our treasury, there being no money available for Patriotic work. I feel that there should be something done to raise money for the purpose, so in the future Patriotic Instructors will have something to work with. Being Department President of Wisconsin last year, I visited all the Circles in the State, and they all do their patriotic work well. I have not been able to get any literature without expense, so I have done very little in that way. But answered many letters. I also wrote to Washington for the flag code, they sent a few copies and if we wanted any more, we would have to purchase same.

I attended the dedication of the Julia Ward Howe tablet at my own expense. In March I entertained our National President, Orpha M. Whitaker and her brother, Ruliff Marshall, at my home. In closing I pledge my loyal support to my successor and wishing the National unbounded success

Following is the condensed report of the work done in the Departments which is very incomplete.

Number of Active members	16,152
Number of Honorary Members	2,929
Number of Junior members	16
Number of Departments co-operating with G.A.R.	11
Number of Departments co-operating with S. of U. V.	10
Number of Flag Leaflets distributed	10,589
Number Patriotic Songs distributed	948
Number of schools visited	848
Number of rural schools visited	58
Number of children taught salute and Pledge to Flag	3,441

All Departments observe birthdays of Lincoln, Washington and McKinley, also Appomattox Day, Flag Day and Memorial Day.

Number of children taking part in these exercises	6,665
Number of Flags donated to schools and public buildings ..	1,131
Number of Flags given to Boys and Girls Scouts	8
Number of children taking part in Memorial day exercises	23,349
Number of Oleographs presented to schools	269
Number of portraits of Lincoln presented	19
Number of prizes given for patriotic work	67
Number of circles with special fund for patriotic work	32
Amount of money expended for patriotic work	\$1,662.79

CIRCLES UNDER NATIONAL

Number of Active members	20
Co-operate with S. of U. V.	1
Number of Flags donated	1

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

ALMA C. J. SPECKNER

National Patriotic Instructor

FLORIDA—Sister Laura Martin Smith reports 14 schools visited and 4 rural gave \$50.00 other than money \$150.00 for flood relief, donated memorial bench for Civil War Veterans, sent cards, flowers and boxes of oranges to Mayberry Home at Xmas, their oldest comrade is 107, the youngest 98.

MASSACHUSETTS—Ressa C. Knight, reports giving 2 flags.

KENTUCKY—Lucy Winston, reports 4 city schools visited, 454 children took part in celebration of our national holidays.

OKLAHOMA—Ella J. Morgan, reports 20 city and 4 rural schools visited, gave 12 flags, one 3x5 silk. All birthdays, Appomattox and Flag days were observed with 200 children assisting.

MAINE—Sister Addie Harnille, reports giving 7 Flags. One was 24x36, printed silk, all holidays observed, 50 children assisted in these exercises and 140 took part in Memorial Day. \$15.50 has been expended for patriotic work.

MICHIGAN—Frances A. Dorsey, reports 50 Flag Salute Leaflets, visited 47 city and 2 rural schools, 160 children were taught the Salute to the Flag, 200 children took part in celebrating our national holidays. Gave 50 flags, 4—3x5, 1—2x3 silk and 45—6x10 cotton. \$30.00 expended for patriotic work.

WASHINGTON & ALASKA—Sister Hazel Giles, reports 30 city and 5 rural schools visited, 400 children took part in observing all Birthdays. 56 Flags were given 4 of which were 42x36 one 5x8, 47 smaller, 7 of which were wool bunting, one large outside weather flag.

The Department gave a beautiful flag and standard to the Chamber of Commerce in Port Angeles valued at \$12.50, also Tree Marker left in the park. \$80.00 spent for patriotic work.

IDAHO—Sister Alice Hays, reports several dozen Flag Salute Leaflets. Visited 7 city and 1 rural school, all National Holidays observed with about 36 children in attendance. Gave one 3x5 ft. wool flag to the Boy Scouts. Amount spent for patriotic work \$10.00

VERMONT—Sister Victorene S. Bassett, reports 15 Flag Salute Leaflets. Visited 6 city schools, all national holidays observed, gave five large and 25 small flags, 320 children took part in Memorial Day exercises.

Their Dept. President Addie Stone worked very hard the past year to establish a Department Flag Fund, gave a beautiful silk flag cost \$35.00, presented to Essex Jct. High School, at Convention and had a balance of \$20.48 for the incoming Dept. Pres. for a flag at 1939 convention.

WISCONSIN—Sister Rose Dandey, reports 151 Flag Salute Leaflets 48 city schools visited, all national holidays observed. 600 children took part in Memorial Day exercises. 29 flags donated to schools and public buildings, 1 to Girl Scout troop and 1 to Boy Scouts, placed 50 "History of the Stars and Stripes" in schools, gave 1 portrait of Lincoln and expended \$243.61 for patriotic work.

COLORADO & WYOMING—Sister Mary Measures, reports 4 city schools and one rural school visited, 175 children assisted in celebrating our national holidays; they gave six flags, and expended \$2.00 for patriotic instruction during the past year, she also wants to know why we cannot have a national contest.

NEW JERSEY—Sister Tess Kolbas: gave 700 Flag Salute Leaflets, 53 schools visited, 600 children taught the salute to the Flag. All national holidays observed with 145 children assisting, donated a $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ bunting flag. 300 children took part in the Memorial Day exercises. \$25.00 was spent for patriotic work.

MONTANA—Sister Bessie Dennis, reports 71 city and 11 rural schools visited, all national holidays observed, one medal was given for patriotic essay, 765 children, and Boy Scouts taking part in Memorial Day exercises. Two portraits of Washington were given

KANSAS—Mary Schubert reports 252 Flag Salute Leaflets distributed, 6 patriotic songs, 31 city schools and 5 rural schools visited all national holidays observed—360 children assisted in these exercises. \$468.04 spent for patriotic instruction during the past year and have three Circles who have special fund for patriotic work.

PENNSYLVANIA—Sister Grace Pike, reports 114 Schools visited, all national holidays observed, 8 flags donated, prizes were given to two pupils for patriotic essays, 12,024 children took part in Memorial Day exercises. Three portraits of Lincoln and one copy of Gettysburg address donated to schools.

MISSOURI—Sister Narcissus Wevers, reports 45 silk and Bunting Flags of various sizes were donated. 80 children taking part in Memorial Day exercises and 625 children assisted Circles in all National Holidays. gave 1,500 Flag Salute Leaflets, visited 72 schools and 6 rural schools spent \$223.10 for patriotic instructions the past year.

Potomac—Anna Hausman, reports one flag given to Boy Scout Troop. 20 children assisted Circles in all national holidays. Visited 5 schools, 300 children decorated graves on Memorial Day.

UTAH—Bulah Oberg, reports 5 prizes were given for patriotic essays, 115 children taking part on Memorial Day 183 children were taught the salute to the Flag. 15 Flag Salute Leaflets distributed in school, 48 city schools and 3 rural schools visited, \$15.00 expended for patriotic instruction.

CALIFORNIA & NEVADA—Capitola Mayer, reports 100 constitutions and 17 Bibles distributed in schools, also 1,160 Flag Salute Leaflets, 17 Patriotic Songs, 150 schools visited, 1120 children assisting Circles on National Holidays. 52 Silk and Bunting Flags were donated, 3 pupils were given prizes for patriotic essays. Gave Lincoln portrait to Junior High School in Santa Monica, spent \$25.00 for patriotic instruction during the past year.

OHIO—Sue Ann Clark, reports 160 Silk and 41 cotton flags donated; 1,117 children assisted Circles at all National Holidays, 6 Oleographs and 4 Portraits of Lincoln donated to public schools; 50 prizes given for patriotic essays; 1,295 patriotic leaflets distributed and \$210.82 expended for patriotic work.

OREGON—Sister Hazel Ray-Protem, reports Boys and Girl Scouts assist in Memorial Day exercises, visited 9 schools gave 2 Flags, 25 Flag Salute Leaflets; observed all National Holidays assisted by 55 children, also gave a portrait of Lincoln to Lincoln School.

NEW YORK—Sister Elizabeth Jones, reports 100 schools visited; 2,048 Flag Salute Leaflets distributed; all National Holidays observed; 581 flags donated to schools; 350 children took part in Memorial Day exercises.

RHODE ISLAND—Sister Glades Cole, reports donating 15 flags 1—4x6, 2—3x5 and 12—30x48, all Holidays observed with 20 Children assisting, visited 14 city schools and 2 rural schools, 640 children taught the Salute to the Flag. 10 children took part in Memorial Day exercises, placed 200 Oleographs, and 4 Circles have special fund for Patriotic fund, spent \$98.72 for patriotic work.

WEST VIRGINIA—Sister Opal Allen reports they distributed 3,144 Flag Salute Leaflets, visited 36 schools, 500 children were taught the Salute to the Flag, all National Holidays observed 1,400 children taking part in these exercises, gave 3 Flags, 4000 children assisted at Memorial Day exercises, gave 1 portrait of Lincoln.

Spent \$216.00 for patriotic work and presented a trophy to Troop No. 87 of the Catholic church of Moundsville for having the largest number of Boy Scouts in Memorial Day Parade.

CIRCLES UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION

General D. S. Stanley Circle No. 3
San Antonio, Texas

Sister Dolly Sowell, reports that their members observed the birthdays of Lincoln, Washington and McKinley, Flag Day and Appomattox Day.

Charles Sumner Circle, No. 1,
Wilmington, Delaware

Sister Gertrude Thornton, reports their Circle giving a flag to Edgwood Sanatorium.

They did not do very much this year, but they are a loyal group.

Report of Registrar

To Orpha M. Whitaker, National President; Officers and Members of the 52nd National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Greetings.

Dear Sisters:

When I entered this office five years ago, I studied the records carefully and immediately recognized the inadequacy of this filing system to serve our purpose. I therefore realized the fact that a new system must necessarily be established in the near future and mapped out a plan of work accordingly.

This plan was to file whatever was submitted by the Department Registrars and, in addition, strive to complete records already filed in an incomplete condition, in anticipation of a new system. The plan has worked out well in many ways. First, it has educated the Department and Circle Registrars to be accurate, and that is important. It has taught patience and perseverance to both Registrars and members, including myself, and that, too, is important. Listen to just a few figures so you may realize something of what your Department Registrars have been called upon to do. Sister Sarah Wilson has completed 644 old records for Iowa; Sister Rosalin Kinzey supplied missing data for 631 old records for Pennsylvania, and Sister Anna Place of New York has completed 728 old records for her Department. This will help you to realize the importance of accuracy in the future. Sister Alta Sloanecker completed 328 records for Nebraska which has made all Circles in her State 100%. I mention these few as an example of what has been needed, and there are still hundreds of records requiring further attention. Every Department Registrar has reported this year and with one exception, have been very prompt and willing to cooperate.

And now for more figures. Five years ago not one Circle was 100%. This year I am pleased to report 227 Circles are 100% recorded. The Departments of Missouri—Utah—New Hampshire—Nebraska—Rhode Island and Vermont are on the Honor Roll—every Circle 100%, and Maine and Wisconsin are racing to that mark.

There are 681 Circles recorded in the National file, but only 485 have reported to their Department Registrars this year. I have filed records for 1490 new members and recorded 5 new Circles, one in each of the following Departments: New Jersey, California, New York, Michigan, Idaho.

In recording 922 losses of members deceased, dropped or otherwise lost, I found many of the sisters had never been recorded. Upon request these records were supplied and I have filled records for 775 who were initiated previous to 1935. Eight Circles have disbanded.

A new Circle in Kentucky under National Jurisdiction has been recorded. I have filed records for 18 new members for Circles under National—recorded 13 old members and 2 losses and in completing one record for D. S. Stanley Circle of Texas, that Circle is added to the Honor Roll—100%.

The National file shows only 19 Junior Circles, yet I am sure there are several in existence yet to be recorded and the Department Registrars, at my request, are planning to file them soon. Eleven of those filed are on the Honor Roll—100%. I have recorded 68 new Junior members this year and one new Junior Circle has been recorded in Pennsylvania.

I have attached a tabulated report of Departments and Circles for your approval and here are the totals from September, 1937, to September, 1938, including Circles under National jurisdiction: 1,576 new members; 776 old members not previously recorded; 3,399 old records completed; 924 losses and 239 Circles 100%, including 11 Junior Circles.

I appreciate your confidence in electing me to this office for the fifth consecutive year and have been very happy to be a member of the official family. Thank you, Registrars, for your splendid cooperation—much of the credit belongs to you, and if we have given satisfaction, our work has been worth the struggle, hasn't it? If I have earned uncomplimentary titles at times for my exasperating requests, I am sure we have emerged good friends finally. To my successor I wish everything good, and to you, Sister Orpha, a happy ending to your happy year.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

THEO C. REDFERN

National Registrar

Report of Counselor

To Orpha M. Whitaker, National President, Officers and Members of the 52nd National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Appreciating the honor conferred on me last year in Madison, Wis., when you elected me to the office of Counselor, I pledged my help to our National President, Orpha Whitaker, and at all times, when called on by her, have given my counsel and assistance according to my best judgment for the good of our order. Have enjoyed my year as National Counselor, and many honors have been conferred on me, for which I extend my thanks. To the Sisters who have remembered me with such lovely letters and cards, I thank you, and am grateful indeed to the Department Presidents who have sent me their General Orders and Proceedings, and for the invitations to attend their Department conventions. It was impossible for me to be there in person, but was with you in spirit and had memories of last year when I visited you as National President.

I installed officers in 8 circles in my Department, also the Department officers of my Department.

We were happy to have our National President, Sister Whitaker, attend our Department Convention in Washington, Pa., in June, and to have her as our guest at the Past Department Presidents Banquet.

With our Department President, Ila Mae Armstrong, and Department Secretary, Loretta Neumeyer, attended the outing for the Veterans and Wives Home in Philadelphia, at Hunting Park. Was entertained at the Home Sunday with our National President, and extended greetings in the absence of our National President at our 48th Anniversary of our Ladies of G. A. R. Home, Swissvale, Pa. Presented flags to the Rotary and Moose Clubs at Wilmerding, Pa., where I was the speaker of the evening at their dinner.

Attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and the Gray at Gettysburg.

Attended the Womans Patriotic Conference on National Defense at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., with our National President, Orpha Whitaker, past National President, Annie Michener, Sr. Vice-President, Edwina P. Trigg, and Marie Buhler, Past National Corresponding Secretary, and had a most enjoyable time. We also attended the Department of the Potomac Convention.

On Monday, January 24th, as Chairman of the Julia Ward Howe tablet, had a part in the dedication. This was the gift of the National Organization of the Willard Hotel in memory of the one who wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", November 21, 1861. Was also present at the placing of the Badge of our order in the case at the amphi-theatre, Arlington Cemetery. The presentation was made and placed by our National President, Orpha Whitaker, and was the gift of Sister Annie M. Michener, who carried our beautiful American Flag at the services. This was the last official duty of Sister Michener before she passed to the Great Beyond, after a record of splendid service to our Organization. How we shall miss her.

"While fadeth the day and dark shadows draw nigh,
With Christ close at hand, it is not death to die.

He'll dry every tear, wipe away every care,
We'll say 'Good-night' here, but 'Good-Morning' up there."

Attended the funeral services in Philadelphia with Past Department President, Margaret Lindsay, and Department Secretary, Loretta Neumeyer.

And now as I retire as a National Officer, I wish to thank the Sisters who have been so loyal to me, and assure you I am just as ready to work for our noble organization as ever before. In serving you, Sister Whitaker, it has been a real joy, and I have tried to be all the word "Counselor" implies. My work is done how well only the Master knows. One never sees the fruits of all seeds he sows. Let it ever be our purpose to patiently turn the sod. One plants, another waters, but the increase comes from God.

Lovingly submitted in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,

FRANCES MARTIN KUHNS
National Counselor

Inspector's Report

To the National President Orpha M. Whitaker, Officers and Members of the Fifty-second Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

It is a privilege and an honor to submit to you a condensed report of the data received from Department Inspectors and Circles under National jurisdiction.

Reports from every Department indicate that our members are deeply interested in the advancement of our splendid Organization, and that they have found new inspiration under the splendid leadership of our President in her Official Visits to them.

The assistant National Inspectors report that the work of Departments is progressing in an efficient manner. They have found the books of the Secretaries and Treasurers in splendid condition. I wish that it were possible to have these fine reports printed. I wish to thank the Department Presidents, the Assistant National Inspectors, for their kind and valued assistance to me, as regards Rosters, General Orders, and other data so necessary in this office.

SUMMARY

Number of Circles Reported	688
Total Membership Reported	26,984
Members in Good Standing	25,102
Honorary Members of the G. A. R	854
Honorary Members Sons of Union Veterans Grandsons, Nephews	4,107
Amount in Relief Fund	\$ 2,143.25
Amount in Special Fund	8,941.18
Amount in General Fund	3,212.00
Amount spent for Relief	15,791.19
Relief other than money estimated	77,671.98
Amount given to G. A. R.	1,123.22
Amount given to Soldiers Homes	653.14
Amount given to soldier's Orphans Homes	67.40
Amount given to soldiers Widows Homes	1,435.86
Amounts to Homes for Veterans and wives	1,136.95
Amount given for Memorial Fund	436.21
Amount spent for Patriotic Work	2,987.83
Amount Given to Red Cross.	65.97
Amount for War Relief Work	215.84
Number of Flags used for Burial Service	926

To you, Sister National President, it is impossible to express with words my sincere thanks, and to tell you of the love and appreciation which are in my heart for your kindness in honoring the Department of Illinois and myself in appointing me to serve on your Official staff this year. I have given you my best efforts to care for this office as you would have me do. It has been a privilege to serve you and our beloved Order, and I shall ever cherish the memory of your kindness to me, I congratulate you on a most successful administration, and wish for you many more happy years to work for this great Organization.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.

WILMA M. RAMAN

National Inspector

Report of The Bugle Call Editor

To National President Orpha M. Whitaker, Officers and Members of the 52nd National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 4-9, 1939.

In accordance with our custom the following report is respectfully submitted:

First my thanks to the members of the 51st National Convention for election to this office when Sister Cassea Orsborn refused the post for a fourth year. Thanks, too, to Sister Orsborn for help and advice through the year. There are so many to whom one is indebted it is impossible to mention them all. However Past National Presidents Catherine DeLacy Roche and Lillian Clark Cary, both past editors, have been more than helpful with advice, suggestions and encouragement.

Your present editor has had both praise and criticism, but it has been accepted in the spirit given, realizing that constructive criticism can hurt no one.

While thanking the many who have helped, we do not forget those who have written special articles—Sisters Cary, Gladys Newton, Edwina Trigg, Mary Heavens Baker, Mary Logan Tucker. Then too, the countless Corresponding Secretaries and Press Correspondents who have not only sent articles but also subscriptions.

Special mention is made of Assistant Secretary Gertrude Walbridge; Nat'l. Chaplain Eunice Rash; Nat'l. Registrar Theo Redfern; C. of A. Members. Catherine Schroeder and Nora Koehler. But national officers are not all who have sent in nice lists of subscriptions. Rebecca Blaine, Washington, D. C.; Frances Haskell and Phoebe Archer, Dept. of Washington-Alaska; Sadie Mae Williams, Ella Berkemeier, Lillie McElfatrick, Clara Smith, Gladys Swallen, all of Ohio; Fannie Small, Iowa; Jessie Mae Meyer and Lillian Norton, Colo-Wyo.; Betty Hoppe and Irene Mangel, Wisconsin; Orella Cincotta, Illinois; Maude Jacobs and Eldora Tichnor, W. V.; Effie Thrasher, Mo.; Eva Ervin, Maine; Eva B. Craft, New Hampshire; Grace G. Pagget, Kansas; many sisters from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Florida, have all been most helpful. Many department presidents have added their efforts to those mentioned and we owe them a great deal.

The Bugle Call is being well received by many outside of our organization and it is interesting to note the many departments which are placing the publication in public and school libraries; to Soldiers and Soldiers' Widows Homes and the many Circles which send this to their veteran and shut-in members, but one is always saddened when a letter comes saying "My eyesight is failing, so please do not send the paper longer. I cannot read it." And there are those who tell you they can no longer afford to pay fifty cents, but when this is learned by some sister in that department, The Bugle Call is sent along. It is also interesting to note that the plan suggested by Nat'l. Press Correspondent, Mamie Giroux, is being tried by so many circles.

This report will be disappointing to both you and the Editor for The Bugle Call has not been supported by advertising and subscriptions alone. The removal from one post office to another has been very expensive as well as the change from one printing office to another.

Perhaps that we have no greater gain in renewals and new subscriptions has been wholly the fault of the Editor, for we probably concentrated more upon the publication of the paper rather than the financial end, having the desire to make it a paper we might be proud of and to keep it up to the high standard set by our predecessors.

Economy has been practiced along every line. No cuts have been used except those we could borrow or some good friend would send along with her article. The exception here was the picture of the Julia Ward Howe memorial tablet, and the understanding was that the cost for this would be met by funds in the hands of the committee, although this has not yet been taken care of, but has been paid for from Bugle Call receipts.

Additional expense was incurred when The Bugle Call was entered as second class matter at the Parkersburg post office, \$10.00 being the cost of this, while an additional \$10.00 was deposited to insure postage each month and of this amount there is a balance of \$7.46 at the post office.

Resetting the mailing list was an extra expense and here I would like to explain this that Sister Orsborn will not be blamed. She turned over to me the mailing sheets, but type must be had for these and she stated her printer would be willing to sell this type. I had no conversation with printers concerning the work. The Idaho printers offered type and galleys at a given price, but the Parkersburg printers having plenty of galleys and having no need of these and the business manager being out of the city, we had to await his return, and by that time Sister Orsborn's printer had scrapped this type, consequently the list had to be reset.

Another expense was setting type for the list of Circle secretary. As this was the original intention of the organization the action was reaffirmed at the 50th National Convention.

Our anniversary number—when The Bugle Call was 25 years old—was an extra expense of \$20.00. The hope was that our members would be so proud of the fact that our little magazine had weathered the storm of the years, hard times, depressions, recessions, or whatever you would call them, that many more of them would interest others in subscribing. Whether it had that effect we are not sure. However, we do thank the National President for her approval of the effort and for the loan of her first year's copies in an effort to gather data. We have no files other than our own subscription, which unfortunately was destroyed by accident, and we therefore have nothing for research nor reference. Sister Ella Berkemeier was helpful here as she gave the editor some of her old issues.

Subscriptions for the year were as follows:

Renewals	838
New subscriptions	430
TOTAL	1,268

RECEIPTS

From Advertising	\$ 85.50
From subscriptions	634.85

	\$ 720.35
Rec'd. at Convention	44.15

	\$ 764.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Parkersburg P. O. for 2nd class entry	\$ 10.00
Parkersburg P. O. advance postage	10.00
Resetting mailing list	66.00
Setting secretaries' list	4.50
Electrotype for Julia Ward Howe Tablet	10.90
Printing Bugle Call	715.35
Salary	408.13
Expressage, postage and office expense	82.56

	\$1,307.44

National President I thank you for your consideration and your cooperation and to your staff I express my appreciation.

With best wishes for a splendid convention and a better return from The Bugle Call Editor next year, I am

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

WYNNYE G. WILLIAMSON,
Editor of The Bugle Call

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF EDITOR
OF BUGLE CALL**

We, your Committee, have examined carefully the report of Wynne G. Williamson, Editor of the Bugle Call, and wish to thank her for the effort put forth on behalf of our Organization and to commend her for the splendid report of her year's work.

Pearl C. Cooke, Chairman

Lida E. Manson

Carrie V. Sheriff

BUGLE CALL AWARDS

We, the Committee on "Bugle Call" awards submit the following.

Sister Mamie Giroux's National Press Correspondent, award of five dollars, given to Department Press Correspondent, Mrs. Grace Pagett, Beloit, Kansas.

The Bugle Call Editor's prizes:

To Department over 20 circles—won by Department of Kansas, 116 subscriptions.

To Department under 20 circles—department of West Virginia, 63 subscriptions.

To Sister in Department over 20 Circles—Gertrude Walbridge of New York—99 subscriptions.

To Sister in Department under 20 circles—Theo Redfern of Rhode Island—49 subscriptions.

Wynnye G. Williamson, Chairman
Eunice Rash
Lucy Haines
Mamie E. Giroux

Report of National Junior Supervisor

Orpha Whitaker National President, Officers and Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

I sincerely appreciate the honor of my appointment as National Junior Supervisor this year and hereby submit my report as such for your approval.

The work was a great experience and I found it very interesting but I feel few of our Circles realize just what benefits may be derived from a Junior Circle and just what it means to the future of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Many letters have been written, I tried to get in contact with the Junior Circles. Several very interesting replies were received. The Washington Junior Circle No. 4 auxiliary to Niles Circle No. 45 of Niles, Michigan sent me their report of the year which showed they are greatly interested in their work, this is an outstanding organization, they have a splendid Drum and Bugle Corps, their instruments are all paid for, and they have also paid an instructor.

A number of communications were received from members of our Order asking for information in regard to organizing Junior Circles, which I answered to the best of my knowledge but I haven't heard what success they have had in organizing. The following are the places, Auburn, R. I., El Reno, Okla.; Huntington, Ind.; Lincoln, Nebraska, and Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The request in National General Orders No. 4 for reports from the Junior Circles brought three reports, one from Spokane, Wash., which was a very fine report of work done, they have 16 members, they have many social activities and raised funds to send \$2.00 to the Julia Ward Howe Memorial, and a gift to our National President. Sadie Mae Junior Circle of Cleveland, Ohio, reports sending cards to all shut-in members, to Sadie Mae Williams \$3.00 for Julia Ward Howe Memorial, \$5.00 for a Flag outfit complete which they presented to a Girl Scout Troop and various other gifts amounting all together to \$19.41; this is a splendid report. Washington Junior Circle of Niles Mich., report taking part in the Blossom Parade at St. Joseph, Mich.; the Memorial Day Parade in Niles. The Blossom Festival early in May netted the Juniors \$25.00 for their time. These are very wonderful reports from our Juniors.

I would recommend that a list of the names and places where there are Junior Circles be given the National Junior Supervisor so she can get in touch with them if she wishes, also that each Junior Circle send in a report of their activities, this may be a help in planning the work for this splendid organization of young folks.

In closing I wish to thank the National President for this place on her staff also many thanks for your kindness in coming to us in our great sorrow, I assure you it was appreciated by my sisters and myself. With best wishes for a happy and prosperous convention.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.

JOSEPHINE MAHAR

National Junior Supervisor

Report of the National Press Correspondent

To the National President, Orpha M. Whitaker and Officers,
Members of the 52nd Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand
Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure I submit to you my report as National Press Correspondent.

I wish to thank my National President for the honor bestowed upon me, my Dept. and my Circle.

My greatest interest was for the Bugle Call, our Official paper. I tried to impress the Dept. Press Correspondents in offering a prize of five dollars for the one who received the largest number of subscriptions, and again the prize was awarded to the State of Kansas.

I was very happy to attend the reception to honor our National President, by the Past Pres. Ass'n. of Illinois.

In closing, I regret I could not do more for my National President and our beloved Order, but have been ill for the past year and a half and unable to have the use of my hand due to arthritis.

Again I wish to extend my thanks to my National President and dear friend for this honor, and wishing for her much health and happiness.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MAMIE E. GIROUX
Nat'l, Press Correspondent

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Des Moines, Iowa, September 6, 1938

To my National President Orpha M. Whitaker, Officers and Members of this Fifty-second Annual Convention Assembled.

My Dear Sister Orpha:

First I want to thank you for the great honor you conferred upon me in appointing me your National Corresponding Secretary, which made me one of your Official Family.

I can assure you I have enjoyed the office, and feel greatly benefited, and near and dear to your lovely staff of Officers.

I have given my best to this office, and you being my Sister, I have been able to help you in many ways that other National Corresponding Secretaries could not have done, in taking care of some unofficial letters, telegrams, and keeping you informed of all Official mail and many other little things during all of your travels.

I had the pleasure of visiting many Circles, and several Departments, also a number of receptions, several Soldiers homes, and one Ladies of the Grand Army home.

My outstanding visit was to the State of Florida where I was so royally entertained by the Department President, and many members of the Department and Circles. Also in the home of our beloved Past National President, Sister Sarah J. Ehermann.

I had the very great pleasure of meeting the Department Commander of the State of Florida, who was 107 years old, and several other dear Comrades.

Also considered it a great honor of attending a reception to the Commander -in-Chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, in Philadelphia, Pa.

I have enjoyed the year so much, with the best interest of our wonderful Order at heart.

And now dear Sister if I have been of any Service to you, I can say in all Sincerity, thank you.

Loyally and Sincerely yours in F. C. L.

ARADA B. DOUGHTY

Nat'l. Corresponding Sec'y.

Memorial Shrine Report

To the National Convention assembled at Des Moines this report is submitted in F. C. and L.

Dear Sisters:

To account in a brief report the work of this Memorial Shrine Commission attempted and accomplished during the past year is to attempt to give all a better conception of some of our efforts and some of our trying disappointments, however, you are all intelligent enough to realize that every great work undertaken carries with it hardships met and disappointment many times. All has not been for naught and when we have men on the Library Committee, in the House of Representatives, who can grasp the desires of such a group of women as we have the honor to represent, to accomplish for them their great and worthy and most deserved Memorial to the Soldier dead and living of the Civil War, then, indeed, will we feel a true compensation for all our efforts. While we have been unable to get our Bill reported out of Committee or even a hearing granted us, after many strong appeals for such action have been made of the Chairman, who is a Son of a Union Veteran, we really have brought our work to their attention and if the Chairman will consider the true merits of our Bill we will have gained much.

This is not, and has not been, the work of a few members but if we succeed, should be shared by all who have the honor to accomplish a great work.

Our desire is that our efforts will be free of all graft, which seems to motivate so many worth while undertakings and whatever degree of success is attained is not the work of any one member and cannot be used for political gain, but it is done by the united efforts of all and should receive hearty cooperation and support for a great cause.

We feel justly proud of the fact that we have the splendid cooperation and willingness of three fourths of the Governors of our forty-eight States as Sponsors, while of the members of our 200 members of Congress the promise of favorable action when the opportunity comes to them to express their views.

Of the many, the Representative from San Diego and Imperial County, is ready to make a strong and urgent appeal in the behalf of our Bill. He is of great value to us. Himself a War War Veteran and the only member of the 75th Congress wearing a Medal of Honor, because of services rendered over Seas in the World War. A support deeply appreciated by the Chairman of this Commission. After very plain appeal to Hon. Kent R. Keller, Chairman of the Library Committee, I was advised a plan of education should be undertaken by my Commission and made suggestions which because of the power given me I have put forth and I sincerely trust may receive the approval of this Convention. viz:—

FIRST—To show to said Committee that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic all of them raising funds of the said Memorial Shrine, this I did by advising said Congressman that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic since the unanimous adoption of the original Resolution at Rochester, N. Y., in 1934 had raised funds which have been invested in U. S. Government Bonds accessible at any time needed and placed a request before each Department to raise at least \$5.00 in the year to be sent direct to the National Treasurer as proof of continued effort to add to our fund.

SECOND—As a means of acquainting our Congressman of a portion of our work for the last 70 years, that of carrying out the orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan establishing Memorial May 30, 1868, an annual observance, by requesting Hon. James A. Farley to issue a Memorial Day stamp in commemoration of that act and order. Much correspondence followed, all accessible to this Convention if required.

THIRD—That I would at this Convention ask that each Dept. President ask of the State Board of Education permission for the children to contribute pennies to this fund for Memorial Shrine, in loving appreciation of the soldiers who saved our Union. Due Publicity to be given to each School for such contribution.

These suggestions received the hearty approval of Chairman Keller and I feel sure you will at this time endorse this line of work.

The **THIRD** was not carried out as we have had no cooperation from National Headquarters, however, we do strongly advocate it, feeling children who have heard from our Veterans each Memorial most interesting accounts of personal service, will heartily respond.

To give proper credit to those who have so willingly and ably assisted me over trying conditions, would be a work I could hardly meet but my sincere thanks and deepest appreciation is due and hereby acknowledged and extended to the following: Sister Sarah Ehrman, Vice Chairman; Sister Ethelyn Smith, Nat'l. Treasurer; Sisters Ethel Irish, P N P; Cassea Orsborn, P N P; Frances Haskell, Frances Kuhns, P N P; Frances Linnell of Mass., Theo Redfern, Nat'l. Registrar; Ida Wright, Cora Rowling, P N P; Catherine Schroeder, Alice King, Mary Dimock, Maybelle Nissen, Annette G. Yoho, Dept. Commander of G. A. R. California and Nevada, Gen'l. George H. Thomas, Circle No. 32, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Col. J. M. Howard Circle No 60, L. of G. A. R.; Dept. of New York, L. of G. A. R.; Sister Marie Meltzer of Madison, Wis., Sister Eva Ervin, Dept. Pres. of Maine, and the loving assistance of dear Sister Annie Michener and many Dept. Presidents.

FINANCIAL

One year ago you authorized the sum of \$100.00 placed at the disposal of this commission to conduct its work, with no desire to spend all but as small a portion as possible for results, I asked our National President to draw the following amounts:

Authorized	\$100.00
For Chairman of the Commission	\$15.00
For Secretary of Commission	15.00
For Vice-Chairman	10.00
Balance unexpended and subject to future work	\$ 60.00

As the work of the year has in a way been disappointing, we are the more assured of ultimate success when we receive what we have a right to expect, co-operation from our own National Headquarters.

To all of our members who have so willingly responded to requests from us and to all who have helped our success, thanks are hereby extended.

Loyally Yours,

CLARA N. SAWYER

Chairman

Report of Chairman of Ways & Means

NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE FUND

To Orpha M. Whitaker, National President, Officers and members of the 52nd National Convention:

In 1934, I was appointed Chairman of Ways & Means of the Naitonal Memorial Shrine Fund, and in 1935 I was elected to serve for five years as this chairman. For three years, I have reported goodly sums for this fund, while this year it is not so much. However, every little helps and I am happy to report the amount sent in to redeem the pledges made:

Kansas	\$ 2.50
Ohio	1.00
Minnesota	4.50
Indiana	5.00
Wisconsin	6.80
Washington & Alaska	10.00
Maine	2.00
Utah	5.00
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	\$ 36.80

JULIA WARD HOWE PLAQUE COPIES

Last January the Ladies of the Garnd Army, through the Chairman, this Committee, Frances M. Kuhns, placed a tablet to the memory of Julia Ward Howe, author of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, in the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C.

So many requests have come for copies of this tablet that the Naitonal organization had a limited number made. They are a nice size for framing and are 25c each.

A number were sent to each circle in the National, and it is hoped that the members would want to have one for its beauty, and because it was such a splendid thing for our organization to have accomplished. The amount is so small for each circle that it will not be a burden.

Since they were mailed the following amount has been received:

New Jersey	\$.25
Oklahoma	1.00
Missouri	15.00
Colorado	2.50
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	\$18.75

Respectfully submitted,
EDWINA P. TRIGG
Chairman Ways & Means

Report of Resolutions Committee

To the Fifty-Second Annual Convention Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Orpha Whitaker, National President:

For the fourth time within the last sixteen years, the State of Iowa and its great city of Des Moines has extended hospitality to the Grand Army of the Republic and to its Allied Orders.

The spirit of patriotism which sent many thousand of Iowa's citizens to answer the call of Abraham Lincoln, to save the Union, is still as strong today in the hearts of its people as it was over 70 years ago and the spirit of Welcome extended to us all is sincere.

The Grand Army of the Republic, in its historic parade at this Encampment, has been an inspiration for greater love of country to the Youth who lined the streets of this City, saluting the American Flag and cheering the sight of the Old Soldiers, the "Boys in Blue". The histories studied in the public schools can give no finer lesson in patriotism than the sight of these living Union Soldiers, marching in their parade, can give to our children. Blessed, indeed, is the State whose good fortune is theirs to have the privilege of entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders.

In-as-much as the Iowa Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the citizens of Des Moines have extended unbounded courtesies to us all.

RESOLVED that we, the National Body of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic extend our thanks to Governor Nelson G. Kraschel for his welcome extended by the Secretary of State and for his opening of the Capital Building for the purpose of holding the Reception to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dr. Overton H. Mennet; to the Honorable Mayor of the City of Des Moines, Mark L. Conkling for his cordial welcome; to General Guy E. Logan, Chairman of the Executive Committee and to Mrs. Ethel Early, Secretary, and to his entire executive committee for their untiring efforts spent in behalf of our comfort and for the success of this National Encampment: for the United States Marine Band and to its splendid leader, Captain Taylor Braum for inspiring martial music all during this Encampment; for the beautiful music sung by the Shrine Chanters at the Grand Army Memorial Service; for the delightful entertainment of music as rendered by the Police Officers Glee Club of the City of Des Moines; for the splendid Music given so generously by our

own National Musicians; Sister Myra Montross of New York, Pianist, and Sister Marie Hawkins of Penn., Solist; for the wonderful service rendered by the Boy Scouts in their attention to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and to members of our own organization; for the delightful hospitality extended in entertainment at Breakfast by Gen. Gaddes Circle No. 24 of Davenport, Iowa, in compliment to the National President, Sister Orpha Whitaker and her Staff, and to the Past National Presidents. To the Manager of the Hotel Savery, Mr. Korb and his assistants for all courtesies extended during our stay at his hotel; for the Public Press for their generous space accorded for news of this Grand Army Encampment and especially to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. For the hearty Welcome extended to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic by our own "Silver tongued Orator" Sister Lilian Clark Cary of the Department of Iowa; to Sister Mabel Lynch, Chairman of Arrangements and to her entire committee composed of the following Sisters from the Circles in Des Moines: Sisters Jennie Beymer, local chairman; Bertha Hunt, Eva May Ritchie, Bessie Rease, Bertha McManus, Alberta Swarts, Mildred Monroe, Mildred Nuzum, Jessie Weatherington, for their untiring efforts spent in behalf of the success of this convention, especially do we appreciate their decorations of abundant show of Flags and beautiful flowers which decorated this Ball Room in which we hold our sessions and the flowers placed in our rooms while in their city. To all the citizens who have opened their homes to our delegates and to everyone who has tried in any way to help make possible for our National President Orpha Whitaker to hold a successful convention, we extend garteful appreciation.

The following resolution has been presented to your resolutions committee for its consideration and we recommend its adoption as follows:

WHEREAS, a patriotic and loyal citizenship is necessary to the preservation of our Government, and

WHEREAS, there can be no division of loyalty among American Citizens, and the forming of any group or groups in the United States advocating the overthrow of our government by force and violence and giving allegiance in whole or in part to foreign government is dangerous to American freedom, and,

WHEREAS, proof has been established by the Dies Committee appointed by Congress to investigate the activities of groups promulgating subversive doctrines, that these groups are boring from within our educational and other sacred institutions and that they are endeavoring to elect their own members to Congress, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, in National Convention assembled this 8th day of

September, in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, That we urge upon Congress the immediate enactment of laws for the deportation of all aliens engaging in activities looking to the overthrow of our government by revolution, sabotage or economic warfare; that our ports be closed to the admission of immigrants for ten years; that laws providing adequate punishment of all citizens of the United States who advocate or condone the aforesaid propaganda and are members of subversive organizations; that all aliens be registered and removed from the payroll of our government and who have been in this country for two years and have not applied for citizenship and that Americans be employed first, and that Congress make adequate appropriations to carry out the above resolutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Dies Committee, the President of the United States, the Secretary of Labor, and to the Chairman of the Appropriations and Labor Committees of both Senate and House and to the Press.

This Resolution was presented to the Resolutions Committee by Margaret Hopkins Worrell, Department of the Potomac, who is Chairman of National Legislative Committee, and recommended for adoption and was unanimously adopted by the National Convention.

Your Resolutions Committee recommends that the resolutions which concerns the appreciation which this National Convention desires to show to those mentioned in the resolution for their help in making this meeting a success be spread on the Minutes of this Convention, and be also sent to General Guy E. Logan and to the Press of this City.

Respectfully submitted by

MARGARET GRANDLE, Chairman, Kansas
Laura McFarlin, Missouri
Eva M. Ervin, Maine
Fannie B. Small, Iowa

Resolutions Committee

Report of Chairman of Legislative Committee

To the National President, Orpha M. Whitaker, Officers and Members of the Fifty-second Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

Our beloved National President, Sister Orpha Whitaker, conferred upon me the honor of acting as your National Legislative Chairman, for which appointment I desire to thank her here and now, and say that I have served to the best of my ability.

You will remember that I called your particular attention to the Dies Bill (H. R. 6391), which permitted the Secretary of Labor, Miss Frances Perkins, to use her discretion regarding the deportation of 5,000 criminal aliens. I stated that this bill passed the House in 1937, but did not pass the Senate, and would have to be carefully watched to see that it did not pass the Senate in 1938.

Up until the day before the adjournment of Congress this year, it had not come up, but that day I learned that an effort was to be made to pass it before adjournment next day. You may be sure I was on hand that day and contacted seventy-five Senators, urging them not to vote for the bill and giving them literature showing our reasons for asking its defeat. The bill did not pass.

During the past year I have attended every Hearing at the Capitol that had any bearing upon the rights of the citizens of this country and spoke whenever necessary.

One of the most important, as well as interesting Hearings, was on the investigation of Communism, ending in Washington August 23, under Chairman Martin Dies of Texas (yes, the same Mr. Dies who fathered H. R. 6381, which I have just mentioned, but whom we hope and believe has changed his views since then). His Committee consists of Arthur Healey of Massachusetts, Noah M. Mason of Illinois, Harold G. Mosier of Ohio, Joe Starnes of Alabama and J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey. All witnesses were under oath. Mr. Frey of the American Federation of Labor stated, upon proof, that the Communists in the United States maintain a "Red Annapolis" and a "Red Aviation School", and that the youth of this country are being drilled with clubs a-shoulder as make-believe guns in camps throughout the United States. It was shown that a membership of 125,000 or more communists were in the C. I. O.

Mr. Walter Steele, Chairman of the American Coalition Committee, testified that un-American forces in the United States today have attained a membership of 6,500,000, and are making a drive to win the allegiance of the 20,000,000 alien born in this country and that 80 Internationals abroad carry on with hundreds of organizations within our borders, and that over ten million dollars are expended annually. There was an exhibit 8 feet high and 60 feet long plastered with pieces of communist propaganda, and posters showing only a small part of the 25,000,000 pieces let loose in the United States in the last two years, not including 600 regularly issued newspapers, magazines and bulletins.

Every witness had to produce proof of the truth of his statements, and it was shown that the Communists have organized the United States into 35 Districts with a communist in control of each District; that in New York alone there are 800,000 communists; that they are in control of the W.P.A., and only those who will join the Workers' Alliance can obtain and retain jobs; and that the taxpayers' money is being used to finance communist activities.

Another witness, Mr. J. B. Matthews, who for three years associated himself with the leaders of the Communist Party and who was made one of the leaders, uncovered what is known to the communists as the "united front". This is composed of thousands of small and large groups and organizations, that are to be ready to join forces at the proper time for action. Among these are the Student Congress against War; National Student League; American Student Union; Student League for Industrial Democracy; National Council of Methodist Youth; American Youth Congress; Christian Youth Conference; American League for Peace and Democracy and many others which I have not space to name.

The American League was actually conceived and set up in Moscow and brought back by Earl Browder as a prelude to the "united front". Of the individuals who make up the "united front" the communists are always in control. Then there are the "fellow travelers", those who go along faithfully just as though they were actual Party members; these are dubbed middle-class intellectuals—professors, clergymen and Congressmen—"fellow travelers" reminds one of the "Jacks" in "The Tale of Two Cities" organized for the revolution) and then there are the "stooges". These are persons of prominence whose names have publicity value and are the real decoys; in short, the window dressing. The above explains the basic work of the communists.

Showing the subtlety of the Communists to throw dust in the eyes of the public, the Communist Party officially withdrew from the "American League for Peace and Democracy", but Earl Browder, in addressing the League on that subject said:

"I do not think it necessary for me to say that this does not mean the withdrawal of communists from active participation and support of the League. We will do our part **more energetically than ever before**. I myself am not only a fraternal delegate from the Communist Party, but also am an official delegate from the International Workers' Order, a fraternal organization of 135,000 people, and in that capacity I want to take my part in this congress and work for the League hereafter".

The International Worker's Order is one of the best known of the many communist "united front" groups. The communist leader, Donald Henderson, is now the head of the C.I.O. Union for Farmers and of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America.

One witness testified how the communists were impregnating the schools and colleges with their subversive doctrines, and another told of how hundreds of artists drawing W. P. A. money rehearsed communist plays for as long as ten months, and then some of them were so bad they were not allowed to produce them in public, and patriotic plays were not allowed.

I wish you could have heard the testimony of these witnesses and have learned how terrible are the goings on in this country. You would surely awake and try to save America. Our women must band together, cast out politics, find out just how our Senators and Representatives, both Democrats and Rejublicans, intend to vote and then work to elect the man that will vote to deport all aliens not citizens—close our ports to immigration for ten years, make it a criminal offense to advocate the overthrow of our government by force and violence and rid our country of subversive movements. This is the duty of every one of you if you wish to preserve our Nation. Our fathers saved the Union with guns—It is up to us to save it again with votes.

The women of this country hold the balance of power in all elections, and if they will exercise that power by sending men to Congress who believe in America first, we will have a government of which we may all be proud. It is up to you.

In closing I wish to thank the members of my Committee, Gertrude Doweling, Lilile C. Wall, Maude D. Simons, Minnie F. Seitz, Mabel Y. Coffey and last but not least, Eva M. Ervin for all they have done to further this work, and to Sister Orpha for her kindness, consideration and helpfulness during the past year, and to say I consider it an honor to have served with her.

Lovingly yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
MARGARET HOPKINS WORRELL
National Legislative Chairman

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM MINNESOTA

To the Chairman of the National Legislative Committee:

Dear Sister Worrell:

All printed matter sent me was given special attention, as I read every word carefully. To enable me to convey to others the information most important and valuable to aid them in helping to further the proper legislation for our State and Nation. My Circle, also others sent in their disapproval of the "Compulsory Crop Control". This was referred to many circles. I joined a Legislative Club last winter and derived much benefit from the meetings, as both State and National affairs were discussed pro and con, with decisions made to support only what we deemed would materially make a better Government to rule our Nation. This club sent in their protest to our Representative in Congress, against the "Wage and Hours" bill.

I also attended some of the Minnesota Legislative Sessions, which I found very interesting and beneficial.

As chairman you deserve great credit for your keen interest and faithful service in the Nations legislation. It has been a pleasure to serve on this Committee with so proficient a chairman, I only iwsh that I could have served you more and been able to render a better report.

My sincere thanks for your kindness in helping me in my part of the Committee work.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

MAUDE L. SIMONS,

National Legislative Committee

To Margaret Hopkins Worrell, Chairman
National Legislative Committee,
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Dear Sister:

As a member of your Committee to which I was appointed by our dear National President, Orpha Whitaker, I am pleased to submit my report.

When assigned to this Committee, my first thought was, "Can I make a success of it?" But having written you for instructions I soon learned that this Legislative work was very important.

Appertaining to the good government of our Country, of which every Sister in our Order should know about and become interested in. My first duties were the distribution of literature

where it would do the most good, and I hope that I used good judgment in this matter.

I have talked on this work to Clubs; to my Department of Maine Ladies of the G. A. R., on visits to Circles and at my Department Convention. As the Sisters registered for their Badges each receivd literature which you gave me on my trips to Washington. I considered this a splendid way to advertise our work and we certainly do need advertising.

We, the people of these United States of America should know more about our Government and the only way is to instruct them through the work you have been carrying on for the past several years and I hope for many more years. I know that this year's work with you has been very instructive to me and is the most outstanding years' work that I ever did. It has meant a knowledge of our Government that otherwise I would have known nothing about, besides it has been a real joy and pleasure.

A very happy occasion was this Spring when you entertained me in your delightful home, the reception of our Washington Sisters (of whom I am very fond), the sightseeing we did, and meeting our Maine Senators as well as many others to each of whom the question of our Memorial Shrine was propounded. This is of vital importance to all Sisters of our Order and I know of no other person that could handle this as you have. Your personal contact with the members of Congress, with most of whom you are acquainted, and being able to watch al that is being transacted and to make the right move at the right time is a great asset to the Ladies of the G. A. R.

I have endeavored to carry out all your instructions, enjoyed the clippings you sent and the privilege of close contact with you in this work. I enjoyed our trip to Gettysburg together and the delightful day we spent upon our return, will always remain a beautiful memory. I love you very dearly, and the association with one as dear as you has made me feel that our National Order is a pretty fine organization.

In closing I want to thank you for the wonderful letters I have received from you this past year (they have been a source of joy to me), and I hope we will always be two happy sisters in this great Order. I feel that we have spent a wonderful year, both profitable and enjoyable, and once more, thanking you and a great **BIG THANK YOU** to our dear National President for appointing me to serve on this Committee with you.

Lovingly in F. C. and L.

EVA M. ERVIN,

National Legislative Committee

To Orpha M. Whitaker, National President, Officers and Members of the 52nd National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

It was indeed a great surprise when I found out our National President had appointed me on her Legislative Committee, to work with our able Chairman, Margaret M. Worrell, and am deeply grateful for the honor so conferred, and have tried to be worthy of her trust in me.

Through the able assistance given me by our Chairman, who has furnished literature and kept me posted on the legislation being enacted at Washington, have been able to distribute the literature where it would do the most good, and spread the knowledge through clubs, societies and groups with whom I met and arouse their interest to be up and doing. There is so much that the women of our Country should do, and can do, to preserve the ideals for which our Comrades fought, and there is no force that can stop them when the women get back of something they want hard enough to fight for if they will all co-operate, so, dear Sisters let the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic lead the way.

Have worked through our Department President urging the Circles to write our Congressmen on the various bills, letting them know we were interested in our government and the welfare of our people.

Sent an urgent appeal to Honorable Kent Keller to try and report House Bill H. J. 449 out, so our work could be started on our Shrine.

Was representative for our Department on the National Council of Defense, attended their meetings and Convention. Am a firm believer in adequate National Defense. Our Council had very well worth while programs and speakers to keep us on our toes and alert to the things happening around us, made us see the need for action.

Also represented the Department of Michigan, Ladies of the G. A. R. at the World War Mothers' Convention held in Detroit in September, and the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, and the reports they gave were very gratifying and showed a lot of hard constructive work.

Am one of the supervisors for our Young Girls' Club, of which Naval Circle is very proud, and we are looking to them to do the work our older sisters cannot carry on. They have had several delightful functions and are very much alive.

Through Sister Dorsey, our Memorial Association of the G.A.R. had a fine lecture given by Reverend Father Gabrels who had vistied in Russia and was able to tell us the truth about Communism and what they are trying to do in the United States. Russia is sending millions of dollars over here to plant the red flag on our capitol. So we will have to be up and doing if we want to keep our Liberty.

I want to thank our National President for the honor conferred upon me, and also Sister Margaret Worrell for her willing and able assistance, and know she has served you well.

With best wishes for a very successful and harmonious Convention, and prosperous future for the Ladies of the Grand Army, I remain,

Loyally yours in F. C. and L..

LILLIE C. WALL

Member of Legislative Committee

Margaret Worrell, Chairman Nat'l. Legislative Committee
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Worrell:

As one of your Nat'l. Legislative Committee, I beg leave to submit the following report:

I have improved every opportunity to cooperate with you in our legislative work by bringing before people privately and in talks in public the great importance of formulating the right kind of laws and working thru our Nat'l. Senators, the servants of our people, to urge them in return to support only such bills for the betterment of our Nat'l. government. I have also urged our Senators not to support "Compulsory crop control"; against the "Wage and Hours Bill", and many other bills which were detrimental to our government.

It has been a great privilege to have worked with you and hope to meet and greet you at National.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

MABEL Y. COFFEY

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 4, 1938

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Margaret Hopkins Worrell,
Chairman National Legislative Committee

Dear Sisters:

Having been appointed on your Committee by our National President, Orpha Whitaker, I render the following report. I have attended meetings on Immigration, talked with the Governor of the State and also with some of our Congressmen from California, on various subjects.

Sincerely Yours in

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
MINNIE F. SEITZ

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING NATIONAL

Federated Patriotic Societies

The 19th annual meeting of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Fort Des Moines, Iowa, on Sunday, September 4th, 1938 at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, Past National President, Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, presiding. It was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings held for some time, more than 250 were in attendance.

The National President gave a most cordial welcome to all present after which the colors were advanced and pledge of allegiance to the Flag, followed by the Invocation by Chaplain.

Roll call of officers found all present but Park F. Yengling, Vice-President, whose letter of regret at his absence from the convention city was read.

The National President presented several distinguished guests, among whom were several Past National Presidents of the Federation and the National Presidents of the allied groups. Each was called upon for a few remarks and expressed their pleasure at being present.

Minutes of the 1937 meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin, were read by the Sec'y.-Treas. and approved, also a financial report for 1937-38 was accepted.

Officers reports were read and accepted and eighteen departments that have active federations gave a resume of their work. The report of the National President was most inspiring and dealt with the organization of the Federation, I quote one paragraph:

"The objects of this Society shall be: To effect a closer Union and relationship of the Patriotic interests of the Orders allied with the Grand Army of the Republic; To promote, foster and support, in these United States a true Americanism, love of country, respect to the Flag, reverence for the spirit of our Institutions and obedience to the Constitution and laws of our land; To serve as a CLEARING HOUSE OF PATRIOTISM for the allied Orders, that there may be a greater unity of purpose, harmony of methods and solidity of action in their service for the common cause as expressed in their Preamble, Principles and Objects".

Mrs. Lewis expressed the sentiment of all present when she closed her report with the words "Let us go on in our Federation".

Under new business a Committee, appointed last year with Ida Heacock Baker as Chairman, reported relative to dropping of the part of the name that seemingly was objectionable to some

of the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic, it was their recommendation that the Society be called hereafter "National Federated Patriotic Societies" and this was voted on and accepted.

Several spoke on The Youth Congress and on some of the subversive movements in our country. It was suggested that Federated Units take this matter up and use their influence in their various communities.

Nominations were then in order for the officers and as it was the turn of the Sons of Veterans for the office of President, Bro. Yengling's name was suggested, but as he had so emphatically declined last year, it was thought best not to nominate him. Brothers Hagen and Barrett were nominated but the chair was advised that only Past National Presidents or Past Commanders-in-Chief were eligible for that office. Suggestion made that the Sons of Veterans be offered the Presidency next year. Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, National Persidentof Ladies of the Grand Army, was nominated by Mrs. S. Erhman. Mrs. Whitaker declined and nominated Mrs. Francis M. Kuhns of the same order and she was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, Natioanl President of Auxiliary Sons of Veterans, was elected Chaplain.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Knothe, National President of Women's Relief Corps was elected Patriotic Instructor. The office of Sec'y.-Treasurer being a three year term, Mary J. Love, was re-elected for a second year.

The new officers were presented and spoke briefly after which singing of the National Anthem, retirement of colors and adjournment to banquet.

Greetings

Ventura, Cal.

Dear Sister Whitaker:

Your baby Circle No. 76, of California and Nevada, send greetings and all good wishes for a happy and successful Convention. As you remember, we were born March 31, 1938, and have been growing slowly, but steadily.

WILSON R. ADAMS CIRCLE NO. 76
Nanine K. Kevans, Sec'y.

Weiser, Idaho

Dear Sisters:

My heartiest greetings and best wishes for a most instructive and harmonious convention. I am more sorry than I can tell you that I cannot be with you on account of illness caused by a very serious knee injury I received some time ago.

OLLIE M. SMITH,
Past Department President

Scranton, Pa.

Dear Sisters:

Greetings and best wishes for a splendid and harmonious convention. Altho physically unable to attend, my heart will be with you in all your deliberations. May our Heavenly Father guide you. My love to you all.

CATHERINE DELACY ROCHE
Past National President

.....
New York City

Dear Sisters:

Due to the serious illness of my brother, I will not be able to attend the National Convention. With my love and very best wishes to you all,

EMILY J. TOMPKINS
Past National President

Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Sisters:

Congratulations for your wonderful years work. Greetings to all.

FRANCES MEYER

Auburn, N. Y.

Dear Sisters:

Kindly accept my best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention.

MABEL RHINEHART

Past Dept. President
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sisters:

Please accept my best wishes for a happy convention. I regret that I cannot be with you to meet and greet all my dear sisters. I am heartsick with disappointment, but shall be with you in spirit. Remember me to all the sisters. Wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am,

IDA E. WRIGHT

Asst. National Pat. Instructor
Past Department President

El Reno, Okla.

Dear Sisters:

Greetings to fifty-second convention; also to Commander-in-Chief, O. H. Mennet. Sorry we cannot attend. Best wishes for happiness and success. Thanks for favors shown us.

ELIZABETH STEARNS

GRACE MOUNT

Past Department Presidents

Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Sisters:

Dan McCook Circle sends greetings and best wishes for a happy and successful convention.

IRENE WELLNER

Secretary

New York City

Dear Sisters:

My Circle, Lafayette No. 3, joins me in wishing for you and the delegates a happy and harmonious convention.

ISABELLE T. WORMES

President

Chanute, Kansas

Dear Sisters:

Best wishes for a successful convention.

E. E. HAINES and DONNIE

Wildwood, N. J.

Dear Sisters:

Greetings from Camden, New Jersey; members Eight Club congratulate you as National President and trust that your year has been happy and successful.

LINDA W. CULIN
Secretary

Camden, N. J.

Dear Sisters:

Best wishes for a sucessful and harmonious convention from the sisters of the General John A. Mather Auxiliary No 18, United Spanish War Veterans.

LOUISA C. DOYLE
Secretary

Niles, Michigan

Dear Sister Orpha:

Heartiest congratulations and love to you and your National family. May your Convention be the very nicest ever. I'll be thinking of you each and every day. Am disappointed not to be with you. The members of our Department enjoyed knowing and working with you.

GENEVIEVE T. VIETS

Portland, Oregon

Dear Sisters:

Greetings to the 52nd National Convention. I want to thank you for appointing me on your official staff, and I hope for you a very profitable and harmonious convention. Sorry I cannot be with you. Much love.

ROSE GARRISON
Past Department President

Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sisters:

Regret that I am unable personally to visit your meeting, but am sending greetings and sincerest wishes for a very happy and successful convention.

DR. OVERTON MENNETT
Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R.

Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Sisters:

Since it is impossible for me to attend the convention, I am sending you best wishes for a sucessful convention and enjoyable time.

ZILLA HARVEY

Past Department President

Arlington, N. J.

Dear Orpha:

It is with deep regret that I cannot attend and enjoy the convention over which you will preside. My hearty congratulations to you for the splendid year's work, endeavoring to build up and advance our order along the lines of patriotism and good comradeship. I send greetings to all assembled and best wishes for pleasant and profitable sessions.

MARTHA M. CURRY

Past Department President

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sisters:

Cordial greetings and very best wishes for a delightful National Convention. May everyone attending gain inspiration to return home and increase her efforts in behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. It would be a joy to be with you, but home duties come first; neither of my parants is well enough for me to venture so far away from them as Des Moines. I shall be with you in spirit and shall pray that love and harmony will prevail throughout the week, then it will surely be a profitable and happy convention for all.

MERTIE ALDRICH PERKINS

Past National Secretary

Credential Committee Report

We, the members of the Credential Committee, find 224 delegates present entitled to vote.

Helen M. Lehman, Chairman
Gertrude Walbridge,
Emma Hayes
Jeanette Dunford
Bessie Moore
Susanan Myers

General Orders

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Series: 1937-1938

October 8th, 1937

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1



I. Having been elected National President by the Fifty-first National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in Madison, Wisconsin, September 5th to 10th, 1937, I assume the duties with a full realization of the responsibilities this exalted office involves, and solicit the hearty co-operation of all my sisters to make this one of the best years in the history of our beloved Order.

National Headquarters are hereby established at 125 North Dudley Street, Camden, New Jersey.

II. The following officers were installed by Past National President, Catherine DeLacy Roche, assisted by Pearl C. Cooke and Josephine Mahar, Past National Presidents, as Conductors. My Sister Arada B. Doughty, Past Department President of New Jersey and my Brother Ruliff A. Marshall, Past Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, acting as my escorts, and all Past National Presidents as a Guard of Honor, made the installation ceremony both beautiful and impressive.

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All Past National Presidents.

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III. Further appointments, will be announced in General Orders No. 2, Department Presidents are requested to send names and addresses of active members they desire to recommend for further appointments to National Headquarters at once.

BUGLE CALL

IV. Sisters, our splendid paper should be in the home of every member of our Order. I am asking each member to serve as a committee to solicit subscriptions. Send items for publications and subscriptions, to the Editor, Wynnye G. Williamson, 520 Green Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

V. The National password accompanies these General Orders.

VI. Quarterly reports of Departments, and Circles under National jurisdiction, with per capita tax must be sent promptly to National Secretary, Helen M. Lehman, money orders and checks made payable to National Treasurer, Ethelyn P. Smith. Orders for supplies must be accompanied by money order or check and forwarded direct to National Treasurer.

VII. Department Patriotic Instructors, Chaplains, and Registrars, will immediately forward to their respective National Officers their names and addresses. The National Officers must be notified promptly of any change in address of Department Officers under their jurisdiction. This also applies to Circles under National jurisdiction.

VIII. ATTENTION DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS. Please forward rosters, or list of Circles in your Departments, also General Orders, to your National President.

IX. The quilt donated by our retiring National President, Frances M. Kuhns, was won by Mrs. J. O'Hale, 493 Central Ave., Newark, New Jersey. Ticket number 9006. Much credit is due Sister Kuhns in her efforts for financial success on the quilt, as she has turned over to National Treasurer \$752.00. The thanks of our entire Organization are hereby extended.

The Department of the Potomac is planning to place a bronze plaque in the Hotel Willard at Washington, D. C., to honor Julia Ward Howe, author of THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC.

It was while living at the Willard (1861-1865) that Mrs. Howe, motivated by the daily reminders of the horrors of a Civil War, wrote this great allegorical hymn as a Victory Song. It is symbolical of our national ideal of "freedom for all people", even if in the security of it some men must die, that all men might be free. It rings with inspiration for the soldier and zeal for the cause "abolition of slavery". In no word can there be found a hint of sectional bias or bitterness.

It is fitting and proper that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, blood kin of those who fought for a great principle, the preservation of the Union, should pay honor to a woman who was a leader in every contemporary social reform to better conditions of her fellow man. That woman was Julia Ward Howe.

Action was taken at the 51st National Convention at Madison, Wis., to make this project a part of our National Patriotic program for 1937-1938, and the expense was immediately underwritten by the pledges of enthusiastic delegates,

XIII. To the Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, of Los Angeles, Calif., National President of Women's Relief Corps, Elizabeth L. Kothe, of Parkersburg, Iowa, National President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. M. Manning, Seattle, Washington; Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William Allen Dyer, New York; National President of Auxiliary of Sons Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, of Albany, New York. National President of Army Nurses; National President, Federated Societies; National President of Betsy Ross, we extend our congratulations and assurance of our hearty support and co-operation.

XIV. In closing this my first General Order, I wish to thank you for the mandate you have given me to serve as National President, of this wonderful Organization, and pledge myself to the fullest measure of devoted service. I have chosen as our motto this year "Sincerity and Service" and from the many pledges received, with congratulations and good wishes, I am assured of splendid co-operation.

A kindly thought for each and All will lead to kinder deeds
And if by chance mistakes we make, a Kindlier friend we need.
Let each look to our blessings and strive to do our best,
To bind our friends up closer and God will do the rest.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ORPHA M. WITAKER,
National President.

ATTEST:

HELEN M. LEHMAN,
National Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deepest sorrow your National Persident announces the passing on of Col. Charles E. Nason, Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and Past Commander of Maine.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Loving sympathy is extended to Sister Sadie Mae Williams, Past National C. of A., and her mother, Sister Florence Deighton, in the passing of their devoted father and husband, Mr. Thomas E. Deighton.

To Sister Lucy Haines, Department President, of Kansas, in the passing of her dear mother, Mrs. Lydia M. Havener.

And to any of our membership who have been called upon to part with loved ones,

Be comforted by the sublime thought,

They have passed to the realms above
Out of a world of strife,
To receive through our Father's love,
The rewards of a well spent life.

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2



I. With the New Year opening before us, your National President extends cordial greetings to all members of our beloved Order, also greetings of love and good cheer to the newly installed officers of Circles. May the work of your year be crowned with success because of conscientious faithful effort, and my congratulations to the retiring faithful officials, for work well done.

II. The many greetings of cheer, cards and gifts sent during the holiday season were most gratefully received. As it is impossible to acknowledge all personally, I take this means of thanking each and every one, with assurance of my sincere appreciation.

BUGLE CALL

III. Your National President wishes to make a strong appeal to the Sisters to subscribe for the Bugle Call, our official paper, which needs the hearty support of the entire membership. Please send your subscriptions and news items to the Editor, Wynnye G. Williamson, 520 Green Street, Parkersburg, W. Va., who with your National President is very anxious to double the subscription list this year, and need the help of all our members to this end. With "Sincere Service" this can be accomplished.

IV. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS ATTENTION. Please have your Secretary send the quarterly report with Per Capita Tax to National Secretary, Helen M. Lehman, 515 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., promptly. As this Order goes to press there are some departments still unpaid for quarter ending September 30, 1937. It is essential that Per Capita Tax be paid promptly.

V. Once again your National President would ask Department Presidents to forward General Orders and Rosters to National Headquarters. The Editor of the Bugle Call would appreciate copies of these. A request was made in General Orders No. 1 for suggestions for National appointments. There must be some sisters in every Department who would appreciate serving on the National staff. Department Presidents are again asked to send names and addresses of sisters to National Headquarters promptly.

VI. Department Presidents will please notify National Headquarters promptly of the dates of their respective Conventions, so arrangements may be made to visit as many as possible.

VII. Department Presidents please notify Headquarters promptly of the death of Comrades, Department Officers and Past Department Presidents.

VIII. The importance of contributing toward the MEMORIAL FUND is greatly urged upon all Circles. The contribution should be made in the usual manner, by sending to Department Treasurer, who in turn will pass contribution on to the National Treasurer.

IX. Your National President would consider it a great favor if all members desiring information pertaining to our Order, would confer with the Department President of their State, then all communications would come through the proper channels to National Headquarters, as set forth in Rules and Regulations.

XI. MEMBERSHIP AND BUGLE CALL PRIZES

To each Department reaching a 10% gain	\$5.00
To each Department President organizing and instituting 5 or more Circles	10.00
To the Sister securing ten new members (not transfers) for her own Circle	Gold Recognition Pin
To any Sister organizing a new Circle ..	Gold Recognition Pin
To each Department doubling its Membership	5.00
To each Circle doubling its membership	5.00

The National Chaplain, Eunice Rash, offers a year's subscription to the Bugle Call to every Department Chaplain who sends in her report with 100% report of Circles in her respective Department. Circles must be itemized when sending Department Report to National Chaplain. The first Department Chaplain sending in her report with 100% of Circles reported will receive a beautiful Bible. The aim of your National Chaplain is to have every Circle commemorate Memorial Day, and a 100% report sent to her. This sacred day is our Beloved Order's living testimonial to this and future generations.

The National Press Correspondent, Mamie Giroux, has offered a prize of \$5.00 to the Department Press Correspondent sending in the largest number of subscriptions to the Bugle Call. This must be for more than ten new subscriptions.

The names and addresses of all Sisters who are entitled to these prizes must be sent to National Secretary by Department Secretary not later than September 1, 1938.

XIII. Those receiving appointments as National Organizers and Assistant National Organizers know their duties will be to try and organize Circles and Departments.

XIV. The duties of Assistant National Inspectors are to examine the books and records of Department Secretaries and Treasurers, and report the result of inspection immediately after Department Convention to the National Inspector, Wilma Raman.

XV. The Assistant National Press Correspondent will write articles pertaining to our Order for the Bugle Call, the National Tribune, and the Public Press.

XVI. The duties of Assistant National Corresponding Secretaries are to secure subscriptions to our Official Paper, THE BUGLE CALL, try to interest those members who have been dropped or suspended from our Order to again become members, also to secure new members and to prepare items of interest for publication.

XVII. The Thirteenth Woman's Patriotic Conference on National Defense will open with a Mass Meeting on Tuesday evening, January 25, 1938, at 8:00 o'clock. Sessions will be held on January 26 and 27, at Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. Registration fee, 25 cents. All members who expect to attend the Conference will please notify your National President at once, that your name may be sent in as a Delegate.

XVIII. National Patriotic Instructor, Alma Speckner, joins your National President in urging all Patriotic Instructors to see that the following Patriotic days are commemorated by suitable observance.

William McKinley Birthday	January 29th
Abraham Lincoln Birthday	February 12th
George Washington Birthday	February 22nd

Every member of our Order is requested to display the American flag in sacred remembrance of these illustrious Americans.

XIX. The following Sisters were elected and duly installed at officers of the National Betsy Ross Club.

President MINNIE F. SEITZ
279 Hillcrest Drive, Daly City, Cal.

Secretary MARGARET H. WORRELL
515 E. Clifton Terrace, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer SARAH J. EHRMANN
116 Nilnor Avenue, Lackawanna, N. Y.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to these sisters, and to the Members of the Betsy Ross Club.

XX. Since the issuance of General Order No. 1, your National President has had the pleasure and privilege to visit Department Headquarters, Circles under National jurisdiction, and National Officers in West Virginia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma,

Kansas, Missouri and Indiana. At these meetings much interest was displayed for the advancement and growth of our Order, and the personal contact with these splendid members was thoroughly enjoyed.

XXI. In closing: Sisters may each member realize now more than ever before the priceless heritage we have, which permits us to CARRY ON in the name of, and to venerate the memory of, these gallant men, the MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, an Orgaization second to none in the United States of America.

XXII. With "Sincerity and Service" let us advance in patriotism day by day. Let us pledge ourselves anew, with but one objective—to strengthen and upbuild our Beloved Order.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,
ORPHA M. WHITAKER,

ATTEST:

HELEN M. LEHMAN,
National Secretary.



IN MEMORIAM

We mingle our sorrow with the Grand Army of the Republic in the loss of many Past Department Commanders, Department Officers, and Comrades.

To the Department of Oklahoma in the passing on of their Department Commander, Major N. D. McGinley, November 29, 1937.

Loving sympathy is extended to Sister Josephine Mahar, Past National President, in the loss of her beloved Sister, Clara Schmiedeier, who at the time of her demise was Treasurer of Major McKinley Circle No. 18 of the Department of Missouri.

To the Department of Missouri, in the passing of their Department Treasurer, Sister Helen Boose.

To the Department of Washington and Alaska, in the passing of Sisters Maude Gardiner and Carrie Peterson, Past Department Presidents.

In loving memory of our dear Sisters and Comrades who have answered the last roll call.

Sleep on, dear friends, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But hold an influence rare, divine
On lives that here remain.

To the many members who have lost dear ones recently, we extend sincere and loving sympathy.

No matter how heavy our loss is,
No matter how great our dispair.
Doesn't Heaven seem nearer and brighter
To know that our Loved Ones are there.

Even death has a wonderful mission
Tho it robs us of those we love,
It draws us from our surroundings
To long for the meeting above.

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

I. The Fifty-second National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, the week of September 4, 1938. Headquarters will be established at the Savery Hotel. Further information regarding Convention will be given in subsequent General Orders.

II. The business sessions of the Convention will be held in the Ball Room of the Hotel. Mrs. Mabel Lynch, 1201 Farnum Street, Davenport, Iowa, has been appointed General Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Bertha Hunt, 1194 West Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Jennie Beymer, 6411 University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, as assistants.

III. National Officers and Past National Presidents are requested to notify National Headquarters at once concerning their reservations.

IV. Department Presidents will write direct to Mr. Korb, Manager, Savery Hotel, for their Headquarters, and mention you are attending the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Convention.

X. Let us continue to build up our Organization, and if each member succeeds in bringing in one new member, what a grand total we will have at the close of the year.

XI. We should also endeavor to interest the young folks in our work, so they may be ready to carry on the work in the future. Sister Josephine Mahar, our National Junior Supervisor, is ready and willing to assist you and tell you of her plans, if you are planning to organize a Junior Circle.

XII. New Circles have been organized in New Jersey, Jennie Wade No. 58, and in California, Wilson R. Adams No. 76. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to these new Circles.

XIII. The success of our Official paper, the BUGLE CALL depends on YOU. Your National President therefore urges you to renew your subscriptions, and secure new subscribers.

XIV. You will find the list of prizes offered published in General Order No. 2. The prizes offered by our National Chaplain, Sister Eunice Rash, are also for Circles under National jurisdiction.

XV. It is important that the retiring Department Presidents and Secretaries forward at ONCE to the National Secretary, Helen M. Lehman, 515 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., Credential Blanks and Election Returns, with names of newly installed officers and correct addresses. Will these officers also please be prompt in sending in quarterly reports and tax.

XVI. Circle Presidents—do not forget the Memorial Fund. Contribute as generously as you can to this cause. Send your contributions to your Department Treasurer, who will in turn send them to the National Treasurer.

XVII. Department Chaplains and Chaplains in Circles under National are requested to send their reports immediately after Memorial Day to National Chaplain, Eunice Rash, Thayer, Kansas.

XVIII. Department Presidents are requested to have their Inspectors' reports forwarded at once to National Inspector, Wilma Ramon, 1233 West Edwards Street, Springfield, Illinois.

XIX. Department Patriotic Instructors are urged to be prompt in sending their reports to National Patriotic Instructor, Alma Speckner, 1331 Spraight St., Madison, Wisconsin.

XX. Promptness of Department Registrars in sending their reports to National Registrar, Theo Redfern, 147 Greenwood Street, Auburn, Rhode Island, will be appreciated.

XXI. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been invited to join in the nation-wide celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Inauguration of Regular Air-Mail Service in the United States, by fittingly observing the First National Air Mail Week from May 15 to May 21, 1938. All members are urged to join in this celebration.

XXII. As the time for Department Conventions is very near, your National President extends very best wishes to each Department for a most harmonious and successful Convention, and shall endeavor to attend as many as possible.

XXIII. The sincere thanks of the National President is extended to the many Sisters who entertained her during the past months, and also for the many gifts and lovely flowers received. Above all else your National President is thankful for the personal contacts made with so many of our members, the memory of which will be lasting, and is happy to report that "Sincerity and Service" are freely given.

XXIV.**MOTHER'S DAY**

May 8th we celebrate a day set apart to pay homage to the most precious gift God has given us "Our Mother". Wear a flower

on this day in honor of your Mother if she is living, and in sacred memory of her if she has passed away. Mother Love! It has produced, fondled, reared, inspired and glorified all the shadowy hosts who have passed across the bridge of time, since man first raised his eyes to the heavens. It is the golden cord that binds the earth to God. It is the hallowed symbol of our kinship with the divine.

There's no other word that's spoken
 'Neath the starry sky above,
 Can so touch our hearts as "Mother"
 Or inspire so pure a love.

It awakened with our being,
 And in sweet maternal ways,
 It was hallowed as 'Twas uttered,
 In our happy childhood days.

In our eyes and thoughts no other.
 Had so kind or saintly face,
 And of all we fondly cherish,
 None can ever fill her place.

XXV.

MEMORIAL DAY

Our nation's Memorial Day, May 30, is drawing near. Each year upon this day, we love to pause from the busy marts of life, to draw aside from the conflicts and strife of the times, and come to the quiet resting places of our honored dead with our garlands of love. Here from the fragrance of their lives we gather new inspiration and courage for our duties. We consecrate ourselves to the service of our country and her present needs. Here we again realize that selfishness is the greatest curse and sacrifice the greatest service.

Nor is reverence for the dead divorced from respect for the living. It would be idle to place a wreath on the grave of the dead and leave ungarlanded the brow of the living.

This day had its inception in the desire to do honor to those who had followed the Flag in our great domestic struggle for the preservation of the Union and the supremacy of the Constitution. Like all principles expressive of a great truth, it has broadened in its aspects to include within its sacred domain all of those who have followed our Flag in national conflicts, and all of those who have served their country well in times of peace as well as in times of war. But never should we permit this thirtieth day of May to go by without some expression of our peculiar debt of gratitude to those who offered their lives to their country under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln.

When that great conflict was ended; when it was apparent that our federal Union was to be perpetual; that our Constitution was to be supreme, that all our people were to be free, America spoke with a new authority in the affairs of the world.

Our Constitution was the product of prayerful consideration by the best endowed minds that ever turned to political deliberations. The integrity of the union rests upon it. As a charter of freedom and self-government it is unsurpassed by any political document which ever guided the destinies of a people. It is no wonder that Gladstone characterized it as "the most wonderful work ever struck off, at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

The sisterhood of "The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic" is one of the main pillars in our Constitutional form of government. As the volunteer soldiers of the Republic answered the call of Father Abraham and saved the union, so we must answer the call to save democracy.

Therefore dear sisters let us unite with all religious and patriotic groups of our cities and hamlets for a proper observance of this sacred day.

One by one from faltering hands they pass the torch—a torch of liberty and freedom which lights the way to guide us from dictatorship. Their memory speaks to us always, reminding us of what we have received from them and of our duty to dedicate ourselves to the preservation and perfection of our democracy.

On Memorial Sabbath May 29, let all attend divine services. And in every way possible sisters, give the children a place on these programs, that these sacred lessons may be inscribed in indelible characters upon the tablet of each heart. In planning these services let us not forget to honor the memory of the unknown soldier, lost to us but not to God. The unknown soldier and marine, who sleeps beneath the ocean's wave. In their sacred memory let services be held.

Let us minister in love and kindness to our "Boys in Blue" and to those who because of sickness or infirmity are unable to join with us in the duties of the day.

And lastly sister Chaplains of circles and departments, upon conclusion of these services, forward promptly, upon chaplain's REPORT BLANK, your REPORT of MEMORIAL work performed, to department and national Chaplains as required by rules and regulations.

The goal of your national chaplain is: every circle commemorating "Memorial DAY" and 100% REPORT of that com-

memoration. Your attention is called to reward plan, given in national Orders No. 2. The "Bugle Call" subscription reward is also to all circles under national jurisdiction.

Keepers of the faith,

ORPHA M. WHITAKER,
National President.

EUNICE RASH,
National Chaplain.

XXVI.

FLAG DAY

June 14th is Flag Day. Let every member of our order display at their home, or place of business, the flag of the United States, "Old Glory", on this day. Let us pledge anew our allegiance to the flag of our country. Let us visit our schools and see that the flag is displayed before the children. In them is our hope for a future body of loyal citizens to carry on patriotic work.

XXVII.

FATHER'S DAY

June 19th—Father's Day, now nationally observed on the third Sunday in June. In war and conflict our Fathers have been most daring and courageous and in making the history of the world they have been foremost. In times of peace when problems were to be solved they were chosen for the task. Let us now in the rush of life render love, reverence and justice to these men, "Our Fathers". When Christ gave the world an ideal prayer, which will be repeated until the end of time, he began it with these words "Our Father".

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we record the passing to the Higher Life of our beloved Past National President, Annie M. Michener, who passed from us March 31st, 1938, at her home at Yonkers, N. Y.

"How sweet is her crown of victory
When her earthly race is run,
When after strife and work and conquest,
Her Master acclaims 'Well Done'."

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Grand Army of the Republic, in the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief, Oley Nelson, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of California, E. G. Robinson, Comrade Risley, Department Commander of Iowa, and his wife, Past Department Commander of Montana, Rudy Heitzman.

The following Departments have reported that the Silent Messenger has entered their ranks and called to the Great Beyond leaders who have served our great cause with joy and faithfulness. We shall miss these loving friends and we extend our sympathies to the families who mourn their loss.

Past Department Presidents

New Jersey—Olive Bull
Iowa—Anna Weaver Becker
Vermont—Lida Prentice, Hannah Flagg
Minnesota—Mary Cooly, Kitty B. Coyne, Mattie Jean Johnson
Montana—Margaret Hutchinson, Georgie McPherson, Cordelia Boatman, Gracia McKenna, Daisy Reiger.
Maine—Georgia Wilson.

“We like to picture beauteous sunshine creeping
Across the silent tombs where they now rest.
We like to picture them in God’s sweet garden,
Happy with the dear ones they loved best;

We like to think of them as always smiling
Without a care—and always at their best;
We like to think that God was there to greet them
At the Golden Gates of Heaven’s Eternal Rest.”

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4



I. As announced in previous General Orders, the 52nd Annual National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, the week beginning September 4th, 1938.

II. Headquarters will be established at Hotel Savory, Room 522, September 4th at 9:00 A. M., where members of the Order, the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied Organizations and friends will receive a cordial welcome.

III. Make your reservations for rooms direct with Mr. Korb, Hotel Savory, stating you are attending the convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Rates are:

Single Rooms—\$2.50 to \$4.00 per day
Double Rooms—\$4.00 to \$6.00 per day

IV. All business sessions of the Convention will be held in the Ball Room, Savory Hotel.

V. The City of Des Moines is noted for its hospitality. We having met there before can vouch for this. The Committee on Arrangements, Mrs. Mabel Lynch, General Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Beymer and Mrs. Bertha Hunt, assistants, the members of the Department of Iowa, and the Citizens of Des Moines, are putting forth every effort for the pleasure and comfort of the visitors, and to make the convention a success.

VI. The National Body will dedicate a memorial bench on Capitol Extension Grounds Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. All members of our Order and of affiliated Organizations are invited to be present.

VII. The Memorial Service of the Grand Army of the Republic, participated in by the allied Organizations, will be held Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

VIII. A complimentary breakfast, honoring the National President and her Staff, will be given at 7:30 A. M. Monday at Savory Hotel.

IX. After the registration fee of \$1.00 has been paid by all Delegates, Credential Committee will be ready to issue Credentials to Department Presidents, and Presidents of Circles under National Jurisdiction, in Lounge Room on Mezzanine floor of Savory Hotel at 9:00 A. M. Monday and 8:00 A. M. Tuesday.

X. The following Sisters have been appointed to serve on Credential Committee, Helen M. Lehman, National Secretary, Gertrude Walbridge, Assistant National Secretary, Jeanette Duford, Missouri, Bessie M. Moore, Kentucky, Essie Bybee, Idaho, Susanna V. Myers, Washington, D. C.

XI. Registration Committee—Ethelyn P. Smith, National Treasurer, Frances Rohrback, Kansas.

XII. All other appointments will be announced at convention.

XIII. The National President will meet the Department Presidents and Presidents of Circles under National Jurisdiction in Room 522 at 9:00 A. M. Monday, September 5th.

XIV. Council of Administration will meet to audit the books of National Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of Bugle Call at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning.

XV. Advisory Council will convene in Room 522 Monday September 5th at 10:00 A. M.

XVI. Memorial Services for our deceased Sisters and Comrades will be held in the Ball Room on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock under the direction of Sister Eunice Rash, National Chaplain.

XVII. The Convention will open for business promptly at 9:00 A. M. Tuesday, September 6th and will continue in session until all matters which are to come up for consideration are concluded.

XVIII. Betsy Ross Club breakfast will be Tuesday morning at 7:30, Savery Hotel. Meeting will be at the call of the National President, Sister Minnie F. Seitz.

XIX. Greetings committees are requested to convey greetings on Tuesday afternoon, September 6th, from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock.

XX.**BUGLE CALL**

Have you sent in your subscription to the Bugle Call. Every members should be a subscriber—a cent a week brings this interesting paper to your home. DO NOT DELAY—send your subscription at once to the Editor, Wynnye G. Williamson, 520 Green Street, Parkersburg, W. Va.

XXI. Department Presidents are urged to see that the Department Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Registrar and Inspection reports are forwarded to the respective National Officers at once.

XXI-A.**ATTENTION**

The National Junior Supervisor, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Josephine Mahar, 3911A DeTonty St., St. Louis, Missouri, will appreciate receiving a report from each Junior Circle. A report of your activities may suggest a plan for the future betterment of this splendid association of young folks who we must look forward to taking our place in the future. We must realize the benefits that can be derived from the Junior Circles and what it may mean to the future of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. There is no field of work that is more valuable or of greater service to our Country, than the patriotic training these boys and girls receive in the Junior organization. They are our greatest hope.

XXII. Department Presidents are requested to send the names of members and Circles entitled to receive prizes—as offered for last year—to National Secretary, Helen M. Lehman, by August 20th.

XXIII. Complimentary Luncheon to all Delegates will be given Wednesday, at 12:30 P. M.

XXIV. Mothers and Fathers Banquet, Wednesday evening 7:00 o'clock, Hotel Savory, Chairman, Cassea H. Osborn, Past National President.

XXV. Pioneers Luncheon, Thursday 12:30 P. M., Savery Hotel, Sarah J. Erhman, Past National President will serve as Chairman.

XXVI Past National Presidents Banquet, Hotel Savery Thursday evening, 7:00 o'clock.

XXVII. Your National President is making an appeal to all members for 100% return on Share Books.

XXVII. We welcome a new Circle in Buchanan, Michigan, organized by Elizabeth Markham, Department Junior Supervisor. Full information has not been received.

XXIX. We extend greetings and best wishes for a successful year to the newly installed Department Officers, and gratefully acknowledge the devotion and loyalty to the retiring Department Officers. Your cordial welcome and loving kindness to me at each visit made among you has added much to this wonderful year, made rich and full by your friendship and love. Thank you from the bottom of a grateful heart.

XXX. To Dr. Overton H. Mennett, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his Adjutant General, Colonel Russell Martin, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your kindness and courtesies to me at all times, and in behalf of the National Body extend sincere wishes for a happy and successful Encampment.

XXXI. To Elizabeth T. Kothe, President National Women's Relief Corps, we have missed your genial pleasant association these last few months, and extend sincere good wishes for a speedy recovery that you may be able to carry on the work so dear to your heart.

XXXII. To William Allen Dyer, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War, Mary M. Manning, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Margaret C. Brady, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, I shall ever be grateful for the privilege of serving with you this year as one of the official family. I am especially indebted to each for expressions of co-operation and loyalty to me and my Organization, and I wish for each a happy and harmonious convention.

XXXIII. In closing this last official message to you, my dear Sisters, your National President extends sincere thanks to all Past National Presidents and a splendid corps of Officers for loyal support and co-operation. To each and every member who has given SINCERE SERVICE throughout the year so zealously for the advancement of our glorious Order, and to make the year a successful one, I thank you. I have enjoyed the privilege of service which has come to me through your confidence in my ability.

With "Sincerity and Service" I have tried to uphold the high standard of our Order, and have given to you my best. The great work of our Order must continue its forward march. May God's blessings rest upon its work and its members.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,
ORPHA M. WHITAKER,
National President.

ATTEST:

HELEN M. LEHMAN,
National Secretary.



IN MEMORIAM

To the Grand Army of the Republic, and the entire membership of our Order, who have been called upon to part with their loved ones, we extend sincere sympathy, and pray that God's sweet promise, "Lo, I am with you always", will be their solace to help them bear their loss.

Every year the Father calleth
Some loved ones to endless rest;
And our hearts tho filled with anguish
Can but say, "He knoweth best".



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